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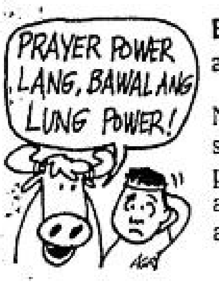
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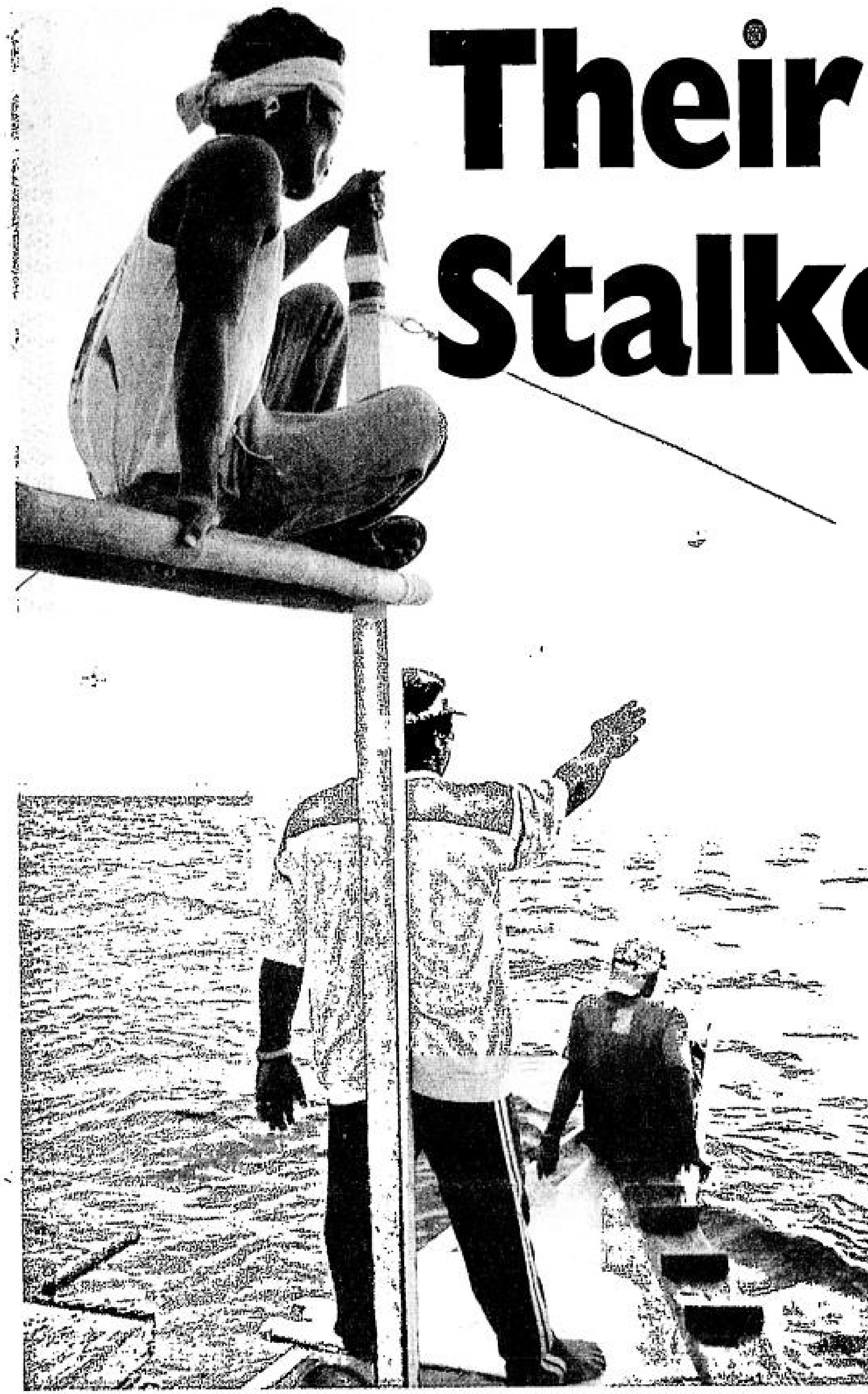

WHERE the mighty US Chinook chopper crashed Friday in shark-infested waters south of Dumaguete City, local fishermen do their bit in the massive search and rescue effort. AFP

8 crash victims belonged to elite force

"NIGHT Stalkers believe in our mission and recognize the volatile nature of our world. Our mission as soldiers is inherently dangerous and accidents occur. It does not make our loss easier, but it is a reality that each of us faces daily."

With these words, the commander of the US 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment paid tribute to eight of the 10 American servicemen presumed dead after their Chinook helicopter crashed into the sea in central Philippines on Friday.

Col. Richard Polczynski, head of the 160th based at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, said the eight crew members lived up to the regiment's motto: "Night Stalkers don't quit."

The eight Army soldiers belonged to an elite Special Forces regiment depicted in the new film "Black Hawk Down."

Two other members on the ill-fated flight were Air Force pararescuers from the 353rd Special Operations Group based at Kadena Air Base in Japan, according to Maj. Paul Fitzpatrick, an Army spokesperson at Fort Campbell, about 80 km north of Nashville, Tennessee.

Three bodies have been recovered and flown to the US base in Okinawa. Seven are still missing.

The 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment slips Special Forces commandos behind enemy lines aboard Black Hawk and Chinook helicopters. The regiment earned the nickname "Night Stalkers" because of its ability to strike undetected in the darkness.

THEIR MOTTO/A20

Crash victims identified

WASHINGTON—The Pentagon late Friday identified the 10 American servicemen killed in the crash of an Army helicopter in the Philippines.

The Army soldiers aboard the helicopter were:

- Maj. Curtis D. Feistner
- Capt. Bartt D. Owens
- Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jody L. Egnor
- Staff Sgt. James P. Dorrity
- Staff Sgt. Kerry W. Frith
- Staff Sgt. Bruce A. Rushforth Jr.
- Sgt. Jeremy D. Foshee and Spec. Thomas F. Allison

The Air Force members were:

- Master Sgt. William L. McDaniel II
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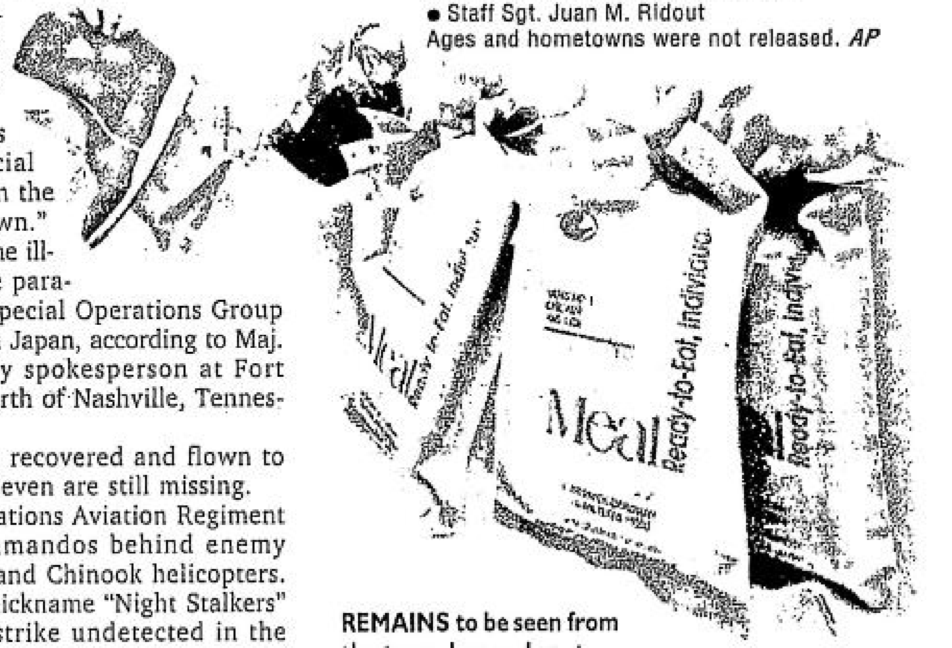
Ages and hometowns were not released. *AP*



REMAINS to be seen from the tragedy: meals not eaten, a missing boot. DENNIS SABANGAN

Living faith builds houses for poor

By Ansel Beluso
Contributor

"BUILD up, build up, prepare the way," was the theme of the two-day 9th International Leaders Conference last week of the Singles for Christ (SFC). And the 4,000 delegates from the Philippines and other countries in Southeast Asia, the United States, Australia and Canada made it a living theme. With their own hands, they actually built 16 houses for the poorest of the poor in Negros Oriental.

It took the delegates only 36 hours to build 16 houses on a 1,000-square-meter lot.

Impressed by the passion and dedication demonstrated by the SFC, President Macapagal-Arroyo gave the family renewal group a grant of P30 million for Couples for Christ's work with the poor program. In grateful response, the CFC plans to match the amount from its own resource network and come up with P60 million to build 2,000 houses for the poor all over the country before the year ends.

This year's Singles conference held in Banilad, Dumaguete City, made up of 16 teams of 30 SFC members from all over the country, competed to build the houses for 16 poor families, according to ministries director Tony Meloto.

"We are just living our faith," Meloto said. "Faith without action is dead."

Each team not only built the houses with their hands, they also shelled out from their own pockets the P32,000 needed for the building materials. They also painted and furnished the houses with electric stoves, electric fans, beds, living and dining sets, wall clocks, kitchen utensils, curtains, home decor, etc.

The houses are eight duplexes which stand on 1,000 square meters of donated land. Each house has a 20-sq. m. land area. It comes complete with a living room, bedroom, dining room, kitchen and toilet, electricity and running water and a landscaped pocket garden. In the middle of the complex are a mini park and playground.

Meloto explained, "We do not only want to give houses to the poor. We

LIVING/A20

Seven-minute rush on for 300 debaters from 20 colleges

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

THE SEVEN-MINUTE rush is on. But it isn't what you think.

The INQUIRER Inter-Collegiate Debating Championships kicked off Friday night with about 300 students from 20 colleges and universities nationwide participating.

"This is a miracle," Regina Maria Ozoa, tournament director and president of the University of the Philippines Diliman De-

SEVEN-MINUTE/A20

FALL OF JOSEPH ESTRADA

Letter caused challenge to GMA's legitimacy

By Amando Doronila

(Editor's Note. To mark the launch of "The Fall of Joseph Estrada: The Inside Story" by INQUIRER editorial consultant and columnist Amando Doronila, and to celebrate the 16th anniversary of People Power I, the INQUIRER is publishing excerpts from the definitive work on People Power II. Copies of the book and its twin volume, "Fifteen Perspectives on the Estrada Crisis," are available at National Bookstore.)

THE FIRST round of negotiations (for Joseph Estrada to leave office) began at 12:20 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, when (Renato) De Villa and his team, composed of Alberto Romulo and Hernando Perez, arrived at Mabini Hall. De Villa submitted a draft resignation letter for the President to sign and asked him to leave the Palace before 6 a.m. "otherwise we cannot control the hotheads in our group" from storming the palace.

(Executive Secretary Edgardo) Angara said the Vice President (Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo) should exercise leadership over her group. He said the President had accepted he would leave the Palace but asked for five

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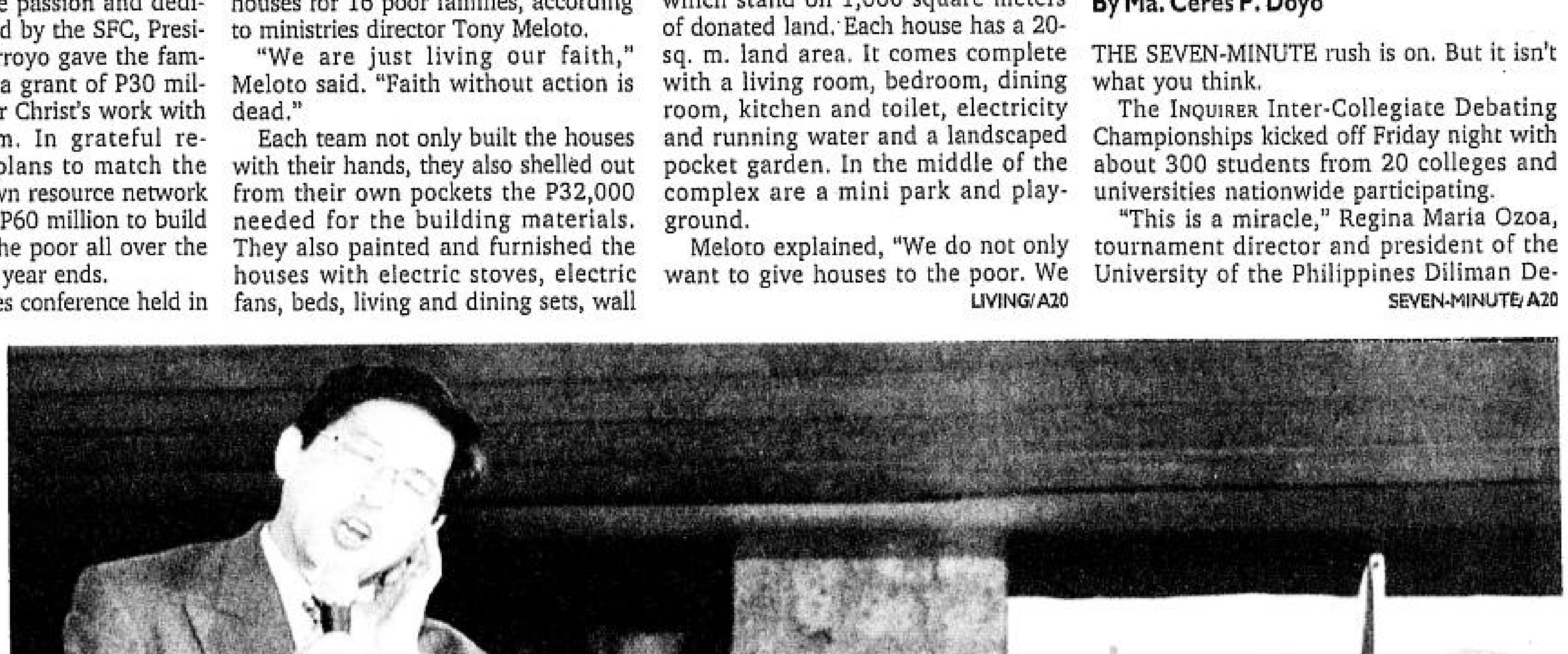

EDWIN BACASMAS

THE SINGERS AND THE SONG: Amando Doronila's book launch on Wednesday comes alive with the sound of music courtesy of President Macapagal in a duet with Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho singing "It's Now or Never." Contrary to rumors, the song was not dedicated to the Commission on Appointments.

BAKIT DAW ANG ABU, DI BINABATIKOS?

War games foes hit for double standard

By Dona Pazzibugan

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has accused the opponents of the Balikatan 02-1 exercises of "double standard" toward the military and the Abu Sayyaf.

She complained that while they decry military abuses and prostitution that could result from the arrival of US troops, they are silent on the Abu Sayyaf's beheading and rape of their hostages.

She made the remarks yesterday in her weekly program, "May Gloria Ang Bukas Mo," aired from Danglas, Abra, where she presented the families of two men who were beheaded by the Abu Sayyaf, and a former hostage.

The hostage, Jose Guillo, a clerk at the Jose Torres Hospital in Lamitan, Basilan, said the Abu Sayyaf raped the women hostages and maltreated all of them.

"See, they claimed that if the Americans come here they will attract GROs (prostitutes) and the Americans will go to them," Ms Macapagal interjected in Filipino.

"We have prohibited (prostitution). But why do they focus on these hospitality girls? Women (hostages) are being raped by the Abu Sayyaf," she added.

Her other guests were the parents and brother of Armando Bayona, a security guard at the Dos Palmas resort who was among those kidnapped and later brutally killed when they could not pay ransom; and Jovelyn Dacquer, wife of the resort's cook who suffered the same fate as Bayona.

Bayona's older brother Pacquito said those holding rallies against Balikatan in Luzon "have not felt the pain of having their loved one beheaded."

He said he wanted to avenge his brother but could not do so.

He then asked the President why the military treats captured Abu Sayyaf members well, when soldiers captured by the Abu Sayyaf are beheaded.

"Yes. When the military does not treat them well, they are charged with human rights violation. But some people gloss over the human rights violations of the Abu Sayyaf. They tolerate this," she said.

"Our soldiers are very careful against violating human rights, but the Abu Sayyaf, who behead their victims, still get support," she added.

Guillo, who was held captive for four months, said the American hostage, Martin Burnham, was being treated "like a dog" while his wife, Gracia, was always crying.

"I saw the Burnhams. During the day when we hike, Mr. Burnham's hands are bound and he's treated like a dog. At night he is tied to a tree with a long rope," he said.

Last week in her program, which was aired from Dumaguete City, Ms Macapagal presented teachers Rosebert and Lida Ajon, nurse Reina Malonzo and midwife Sheila Tabunyag, all former Abu Sayyaf hostages.

The Ajon couple escaped during an encounter with the military, but they were shot at; Rosebert was shot in the shoulder while Lida lost her left arm as a result.

Ms Macapagal yesterday said the other two women were abused.

She again defended the airing of the video showing the Abu Sayyaf beheading soldiers and some civilian hostages.

She said before they saw the video, Filipinos had only heard of but never actually saw what the Abu Sayyaf was capable of.

"The Abu Sayyaf do not respect human life. They don't respect the laws of man and they don't fear God's laws," she said.

"As President I say it is time to stop their savage acts and extinguish their existence," she added.

'Berdugo' owns up to 2 more beheadings

THE SELF-CONFESSED "*berdugo*" of the Abu Sayyaf has implicated a fellow land surveyor in the beheading of a barangay captain and his son in Maluso, Basilan, in November 1994.

Jun, who claimed to have been forced by the Abu Sayyaf to behead their captives, had told police investigators in Region 9 that he and one Junie Abines were ordered to behead Solomon Mayang, chair of Barangay Mahayahay, and his son, Jonathan.

Quoting his statement to the police, Supt. Marvin Bolabola, head of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit in Region 9, said Jun had admitted "hacking one of the victims."

The beheading took place in Upper Mahayahay in Maluso, Basilan, on Dec. 24, 1994, a month after their abduction.

"Upon arriving thereat, their blindfolds were removed while he and Abines were ordered by the ASG (Abu Sayyaf Group) allegedly at gunpoint to behead the two civilians," Bolabola said in a report.

Jun and Abines, together with three other land surveyors of the Orbecido Surveying Office, were seized by Abu Sayyaf bandits led by Ustadz Abdurajak Janjalani on Nov. 19, 1994 in Sumisip Basilan. They were freed in March 1995.

The three others were identified as Jesus Bonifacion, Nelson Avellana and Danny Dabad.

Jun, 28, of Barangay Sunrise, Isabela City, showed up at the Basilan police office on Feb. 21 and submitted himself to investigation.

Family of man he saved prays for Martin, wife

By Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—Martin Burnham and his wife, Gracia, who remain captives of the Abu Sayyaf, are constantly in the prayers of an American missionary couple in Bacolod City.

To missionary Linda Moore, Martin Burnham is a kind and compassionate man who flew her husband, Doyle Moore, to safety in his small plane after a near fatal accident in General Santos City in 1995.

Linda said it must be difficult for the Burnhams now to be dragged from place to place and being in fear for their lives all the time.

"We are praying for them all the time," she said, and for Filipina nurse Ediborah Yap, who also remains a captive of the Abu Sayyaf.

The Moores, who have lived in Bacolod City for 25 years, are members of the Baptist Missionary Association of America.

Very, very sad

Linda said members of their mission in the Philippines and around the world are praying for the Burnhams and Yap.

"We are praying that their kidnapping will end with their safe release," she said. "We are very, very sad that such nice people would be kidnapped."

Linda recalled that on April 2, 1995, her husband Doyle was on a jeepney in General Santos City when the driver suddenly swerved to avoid a Volkswagen and ran onto an oncoming six wheeler truck.

Doyle, who was badly injured, needed to be airlifted to Bacolod City for treatment but the Philippines Airlines would not take him in without any medical escort for fear that he might die on the way, Linda said.

"PAL would have allowed Doyle on its plane if we had a doctor and nurse with him but we couldn't afford that," she said.

Lot of pain

Some missionaries who learned of their plight got in touch with Martin Burnham of the New Tribes Mission and he flew Moore to Bacolod on his small plane.

Linda said Martin was very friendly.

She said her husband was in a lot of pain on the flight and when they stopped in Bukidnon, Burnham went to a store to buy him painkillers.

"Martin Burnham was very sensitive and caring. He saved Doyle's life," Linda said.

Now Linda and Doyle want to help save Martin and Gracia's lives and the best way they know how is to keep praying for them.

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Muslims fear video may fan hatred

ILIGAN CITY—Members of other faiths might be led to believe that the beheadings performed by the Abu Sayyaf were part of the tradition of Muslims, an Islamic organization in Lanao del Sur said.

The Islamic Movement for Electoral Reform and Good Government (Imergg) based in Marawi City warned that the government's decision to show the video of the beheadings to the public might yet rekindle the animosity between Muslims and Christians in Mindanao in the early 1970s.

Abdullah Dalidig, Imergg chair, said that the government should have been prudent when it decided to show to the public the gruesome murder of hostages of the bandit group.

"We are very much concerned about what was shown on television, because the Abu Sayyaf members have been identified as Muslims and, therefore, their acts could be perceived by the public as natural for all Muslims," Dalidig said.

He said that the government and the media should have been responsible enough to warn the viewing public that what was depicted on the video footage were acts of criminals rather than highlight the religious belief of the killers.

The Imergg also assailed the reported statement made by Press Undersecretary Roberto Capco to the media on the video footage when he said that the public showing was meant to show the brutality of the "Islamists," referring to the Abu Sayyaf, "who customarily behead their kidnap victims" and those whom they captured.

"The word Islamist, refers to a people who practice Islam, and that is our religion. So, therefore, all Muslims are being referred to as the same as the Abu Sayyaf," Dalidig said.

Dalidig said if there was anything the government successfully attained, it was the fanning of misconception against Muslims in the country. ***Butch D. Enerio, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Gloria visits ma's hometown

BINALONAN, Pangasinan—It was a simple but happy homecoming for President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday when she visited her mother's hometown to greet her town mates and homecoming overseas workers (*balikbayan*) during their fiesta celebration.

Ms Macapagal brought a package of development projects for Binalonan, the town of her late mother, former First Lady Eva Macaraeg Macapagal, during her brief visit.

It was the first time that Ms Macapagal had visited the town as President.

While here, the President met with her relatives from her mother side, led by her distant cousin, Mayor Ramon Guico.

Ms Macapagal commended Guico, president of the League of Municipalities of Philippines, for initiating development projects in the countryside. ***Yolanda Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

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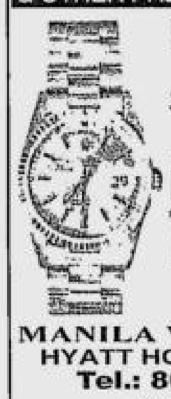

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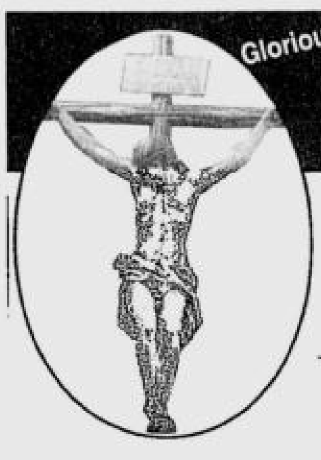

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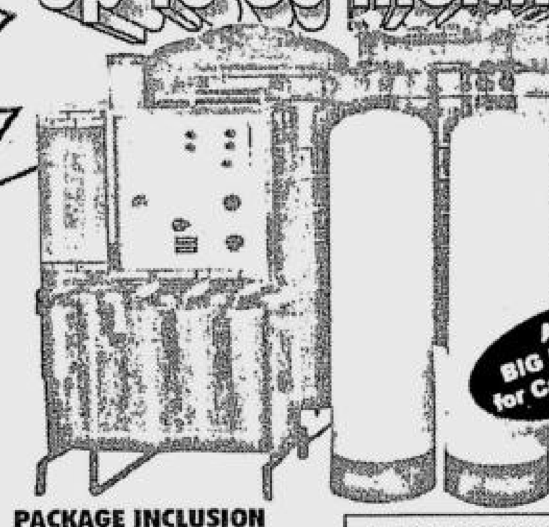

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Haydee, Danding sign SMC accord

By Gil Cabacungan

SAN MIGUEL Corp. chair Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr. and Presidential Commission on Good Government Chair Haydee Yorac yesterday signed an interim power sharing agreement which would allow Cojuangco to maintain management control of the company while the government would get adequate representation in the board and SMC subsidiaries.

This was revealed by Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II who, along with Cojuangco's right hand man, Ramon Ang, witnessed the signing of the interim agreement following marathon negotiations which lasted till after midnight.

The signing of the SMC deal came a few hours after President Macapagal-Arroyo's 14-nominees, led by banker Edward Go, took their seats on the board of United Coconut Planters Bank Friday afternoon unhampered by any legal action by Cojuangco.

'Without prejudice'

Roxas said the agreement was aimed at maximizing shareholder value, preserving corporate assets and promoting good governance. He stressed that the agreement was signed "without prejudice and subject to the final resolution on the merits by the courts on existing civil cases as well as any new cases that the parties may file related directly or indirectly to the coconut levy."

Based on the SMC agreement, Roxas said the government would name five directors to represent the interest of the Coconut Industry Investment Fund Holdings in SMC. They would replace the five Estrada nominees who have refused to vacate their position even though their patron has been toppled from power.

Although the nominees have yet to be named, Roxas said the parties agreed to elect independent directors to ensure protection of the investing public and minority stockholders.

This would raise the government's representation in the 15-member board to seven (including the nominees of the Social Security System and Government Service and Insurance System) and provide a check-and-balance to Cojuangco's management of the corporation.

Subsidiaries

Roxas said the government would also maintain its presence in SMC's existing subsidiaries—La Tondeña Distilleries Inc.; San Miguel Properties Inc.; San Miguel Foods Inc.; San Miguel Campocarne Corp.; Philippine Dairy Products Corp.; Monterey Foods Corp.; Rightpak International Corp.; San Miguel Yamamura Asia Corp.; Premium Packaging International Inc.; and San Miguel Rengo Packaging Corp.

The government will also get board representation in SMC's recent acquisitions—Pure Foods Corp.; Cosmos Bottling Corp.; Coca-Cola Bottlers Philippines Inc. Roxas said aside from board representation, the government would be present in SMC committees such as the executive committee, audit, compensation and nomination.

The agreement is expected to last up to two years or Feb. 21, 2004 but it can be terminated earlier if the courts finally resolve the civil cases or the CIIF sells its shares in SMC. Roxas said: "At the opportune time, the government intends to sell the SMC shares which the courts decide by final judgment as belonging to it in ownership."

The agreement was signed six days before the SMC special stockholders meeting where Kirin Brewery's $540 million buy-in into SMC will be up for ratification.

Under the agreement, Roxas said, the government has promised to vote in favor of the deal including the proposed increase in capital stock and denial of preemptive rights to 442.56 million "B" shares that would pave the way for Kirin's entry.

New UCPB directors ink contracts

THE NEW government directors of the United Coconut and Planters' Bank board and its subsidiaries signed Friday night deeds of assignment that bound them to the "public character" of the UCPB shares.

The signing, described as historic by the Presidential Commission on Good Government, was participated in by directors from the coconut farmers themselves, some of whom set foot for the first time on the UCPB building.

The directors of UCPB and its subsidiaries signed the deed of assignment and letters of appointment from the PCGG, that bound them to the authority of the PCGG at all times, with a clause that they could be removed at any time by the PCGG as assignor even without notice to them.

Seek guidance

They were also bound to regularly report to the PCGG, and seek guidance for all their actions in the board.

"It's history in the making," said PCGG commissioner Victoria Avena Friday night.

"We're trying to effect that (the turnover) through the signing of the necessary documentation," continued, Avena who is now the corporate secretary of the UCPB board.

The signing of the papers happened after the last board meeting of the old UCPB board chaired by Jeronimo Kilayko.

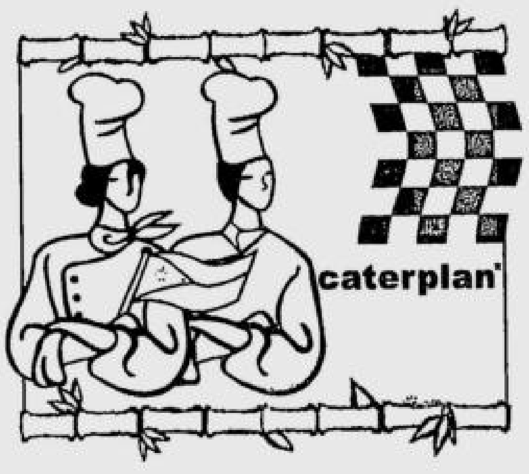
The directors from the sector of the coconut farmers said that the government's move of allowing them to sit in the board was just "partial victory" for them.

Fund audit

Omi Royandyan from the Liga Magniniyog, representing coconut farmers in 60 provinces, said that they would push for the immediate audit of the UCPB funds so that they would know how the UCPB money was used since the time of the Aquino administration.

He said that the farmer-directors would also study how the "free" money in UCPB could be immediately used for the benefit of the coconut farmers. At least P700 million of these funds are being considered for the immediate use of the farmers.

Five of the UCPB directors came from the coconut farmers sector. They are Royandoyan of Liga Magniniyog and of the Philippine Peasant Institute, Vicente Fabe of Pakisama, Joey Faustino of the Coconut Industry Reform Movement (COIR), and Prudencio Garcia and Alejandro de Asis of PKSMN.



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Palace to keep closer watch on war games

By Michael Lim Ubac and Frank Cimatu
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

FOLLOWING the crash of a US Chinook helicopter on Thursday, the Macapagal administration said it would monitor more closely the ongoing military war games in the South.

The Presidential Commission on the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFACOM) said it will set up three "monitoring offices" in Cebu, Basilan and Zamboanga apparently to be the government's "eyes and ears" for Balikatan 02-1, the joint military training exercises between Philippine and US troops.

VFACOM executive director Jaime Yambao admitted the monitoring offices would be set up to ensure that the Terms of Reference (TOR) governing the war games were strictly observed by the US and Filipino troops.

Yambao said the offices would be headed by foreign service officers from the Department of Foreign Affairs under a plan approved by Vice President and Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona Jr.

Despite the crash of the Chinook helicopter near Apo Island off Dumaguete City in the Visayas, the VFACOM said the war games would continue.

The US Embassy has yet to issue an official statement over the aviation accident, with diplomatic reporters trying to contact embassy personnel and DFA officials for comment, to no avail.

Since Thursday, the search and rescue operations in the shark-infested waters off Apo Island, which is 20 nautical miles south of Dumaguete City, have been cloaked in secrecy.

Both US and RP officials would not reveal the death toll in the crash of the chopper that was carrying eight soldiers and two crewmen.

The US Pentagon confirmed, however, that the eight soldiers were from the US Army's 168th Special Operations Aviation Regiment based at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, while the two crewmen had belonged to the 353rd Air Force Special Operations Group based at Kadena Air Base in Japan.

Lately, however, not only militant Filipinos but other Asians have begun protesting the presence of American troops in the Philippines ostensibly to annihilate the Abu Sayyaf terror group which has been linked to Osama bin Laden.

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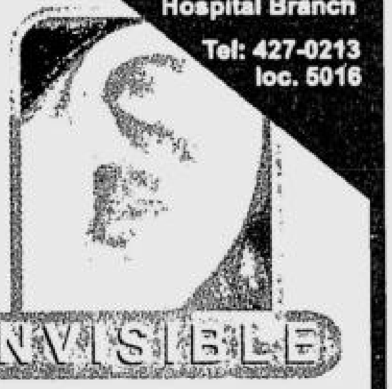

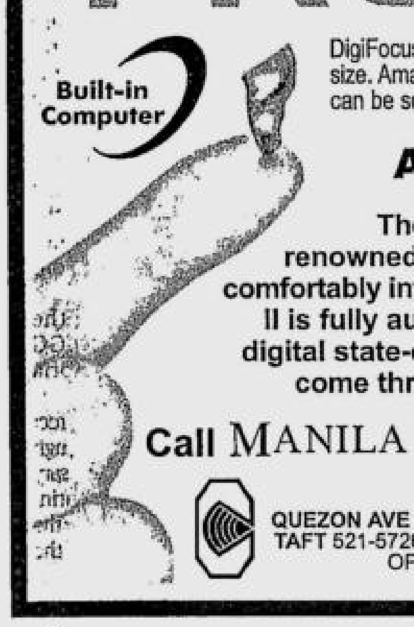

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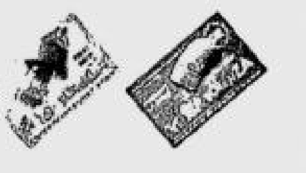

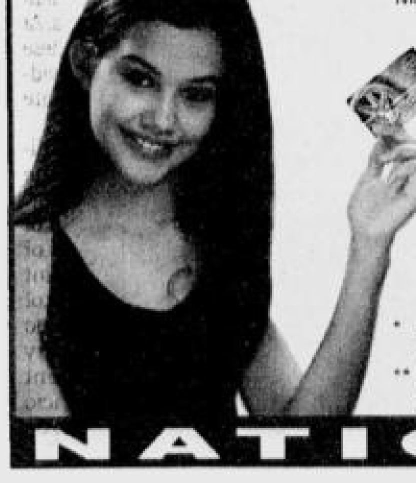

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Appeals court allows Hussin to take office as ARMM chief

By Michael Lim Ubac

AUTONOMOUS Region in Muslim Mindanao Gov. Parouk Hussin has scored a victory in the Court of Appeals, which upheld its own December 2001 injunction allowing the newly elected official to assume his post.

In a six-page resolution, the CA's 10th Division deemed it wise not to disturb the "status quo," by upholding the injunction order.

"Accordingly, petitioner's application for preliminary injunction, consistent with our temporary restraining order (TRO) of 21 Dec. 2001 is hereby granted.

"Respondent judge is enjoined from implementing his TRO of 20 December 2001 and from further hearing Civil Case No. 480, pending final disposition of the petition before us," the CA said.

The resolution, promulgated on Feb. 21, was penned by Associate Justice Ruben Reyes and concurred in by Associate Justices Renato Dacudao and Mariano del Castillo.

Earlier, the 10th Division had lifted a TRO issued by a Cotabato court barring Hussin from formally assuming his post.

In a one-page TRO, the CA nullified the lower court's TRO of Dec. 21, thus allowing Hussin and other elected regional officials to take over posts formerly held by Moro renegade leader Nur Misuari and his supporters.

It was Cotabato City Regional Trial Court Judge Ismael Bagundang who had issued the two TROs that allowed Alvarez Isnaji to continue in his role as acting ARMM governor.

Isnaji assumed the post after Misuari's supporters staged attacks on military installations in Jolo, Sulu, in November last year. Misuari is being held in a special detention facility at Fort Sto. Domingo, Sta. Rosa, Laguna, awaiting trial for rebellion.

Isnaji had sought the TRO since, he claimed, the law mandates that the winners of the Nov. 26 polls could only formally assume their positions the following year.

To bolster his argument, Isnaji cited Republic Act 9054, the law creating the ARMM, which states that elected ARMM officials could take over their posts on Sept. 30 following the date of their election.

Hussin challenged the Bagundong TROs by filing before the appellate court a petition for certiorari, prohibition and mandamus under Rule 65 of the Rules of Civil Procedure.

On Dec. 21, the CA nullified Bagundang's TROs and ordered him to stop hearing Civil Case 480 filed by Isnaji.

"At the same time, we ordered private respondent Alvarez Isnaji to file his comment and to show cause, within 10 days, why application for preliminary injunction should not be granted," the CA said.

The CA, however, clarified that its latest order pertained only to the issuance of a preliminary injunction.

"The matter of who has a clear legal right to the position of ARMM governor and other issues will be treated in our (main) decision, as they need an extended exposition. For the present, we confine our action within the ambit of the law on preliminary injunction," the CA said.

The CA explained the object of a preliminary injunction is to preserve the status quo, "or the last actual, peaceable, uncontested status which preceded the pending controversy."

It said the status quo at this point was Hussin's assumption to office on Dec. 4 and his subsequent discharge of powers and functions as governor of the ARMM.

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Sunday, February 24, 2002
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1st Reading: **Gen 12:1-4**

Yahweh said to Abram, "Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you, I will curse, and in you all peoples of the earth will be blessed."

So Abram went as Yahweh had told him, and Lot went with him.

2nd Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10

Dear brother, do your share in laboring for the Gospel with the strength of God. He saved us and called us—a calling, which proceeds from his holiness. This did not depend on our merits, but on his generosity and his own initiative. This calling given to us from all time in Christ Jesus has just been manifested with the glorious appearance of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light in his Gospel.

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. Jesus' appearance was changed before them: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became bright as light. Just then Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus.

Peter spoke and said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. If you so wish, I will make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

Peter was still speaking when a bright cloud covered them in its shadow, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, my Chosen One. Listen to him."

On hearing the voice, the disciples fell to the ground, full of fear. But Jesus came, touched them and said, "Stand up, do not be afraid." When they raised their eyes, they no longer saw anyone except Jesus. And as they came down the mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what they had just seen, until the Son of Man be raised from the dead.

Commentary

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"It is not much knowledge that fills and satisfies the soul, but the intimate relish and understanding of the truth." (Ignatius of Loyola) Jesus invites you to climb the mountain, to watch, listen, wait.

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Drilon sees passage of dual citizenship bill

By Rocky Nazareno

THE SENATE has ended hearings on the proposed dual citizenship bill and Senate President Franklin Drilon said he was confident of its speedy passage.

In a statement, Drilon said some of the legal questions had been hurdled after lawmakers agreed that what the Constitution prohibited was dual allegiance, not dual citizenship.

The Senate committee on justice and human rights, chaired by Sen. Francis Pangilinan, ended its hearings on the measure on Thursday with the appearance of officials from the foreign affairs, justice and trade and industry departments, and the Bureau of Immigration, National Security Council and Integrated Bar of the Philippines.

Drilon has proposed the automatic reacquisition of Philippine citizenship by those who lost it when they acquired foreign citizenship.

Drilon, who sponsored the bill, has argued that the measure would encourage Filipinos who have become naturalized citizens of other countries to visit the Philippines more often and settle in the country permanently once they retire.

A counterpart bill has been filed in the House by Rep. Oscar Rodriguez.

Critics have warned, however, that the dual citizenship was not allowed under Section 5, Article 4 of the Constitution which considers it inimical to the national interest.

The bill, if passed, will allow natural-born Filipinos who have become naturalized citizens of other countries to enjoy certain rights and privileges that are reserved only for Filipino citizens.

Under the proposed bill's provisions, a Filipino national can only lose his or her Philippine citizenship if he or she seeks public office in a foreign country, serves in a foreign army or expressly renounces it.

Drilon has stressed that while dual citizenship might create a special class of Filipinos, that is, those who have acquired foreign citizenship, this would not harm the national interest.

"In fact, dual citizenship enhances the national interest because we open up the economy to more Filipinos by allowing them to engage in economic areas and investments previously closed to them," he said.

He sought to allay fears that the dual citizenship proposal might pose security problems for the country.

Dual citizenship was different from dual allegiance, he pointed out.

He said dual allegiance was "not our lookout but that of other countries granting citizenship to Filipino nationals."

Mild 'El Niño' seen

AUTHORITIES expect a "mild" El Niño this year.

Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Montemayor said the country need not fear a repeat of the drought El Niño caused in 1997-1998, the worst so far.

El Niño is a global weather phenomenon associated with longer than usual dry spells.

"In the latest meeting of the El Niño Task Force yesterday, Pagasa said the oncoming El Niño as of now is a mild El Niño," Montemayor said during the President's program, "May Gloria Ang Bukas Mo."

He said El Niño will be felt starting July and will peak in the last three months of the year.

He said he was thankful El Niño did not come sooner as had been predicted.

He said the inter-agency El Niño Task Force has began making preparations for the coming dry spell.

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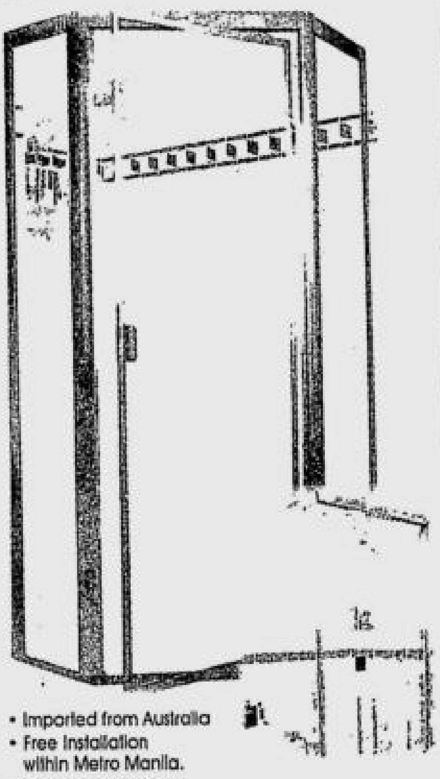

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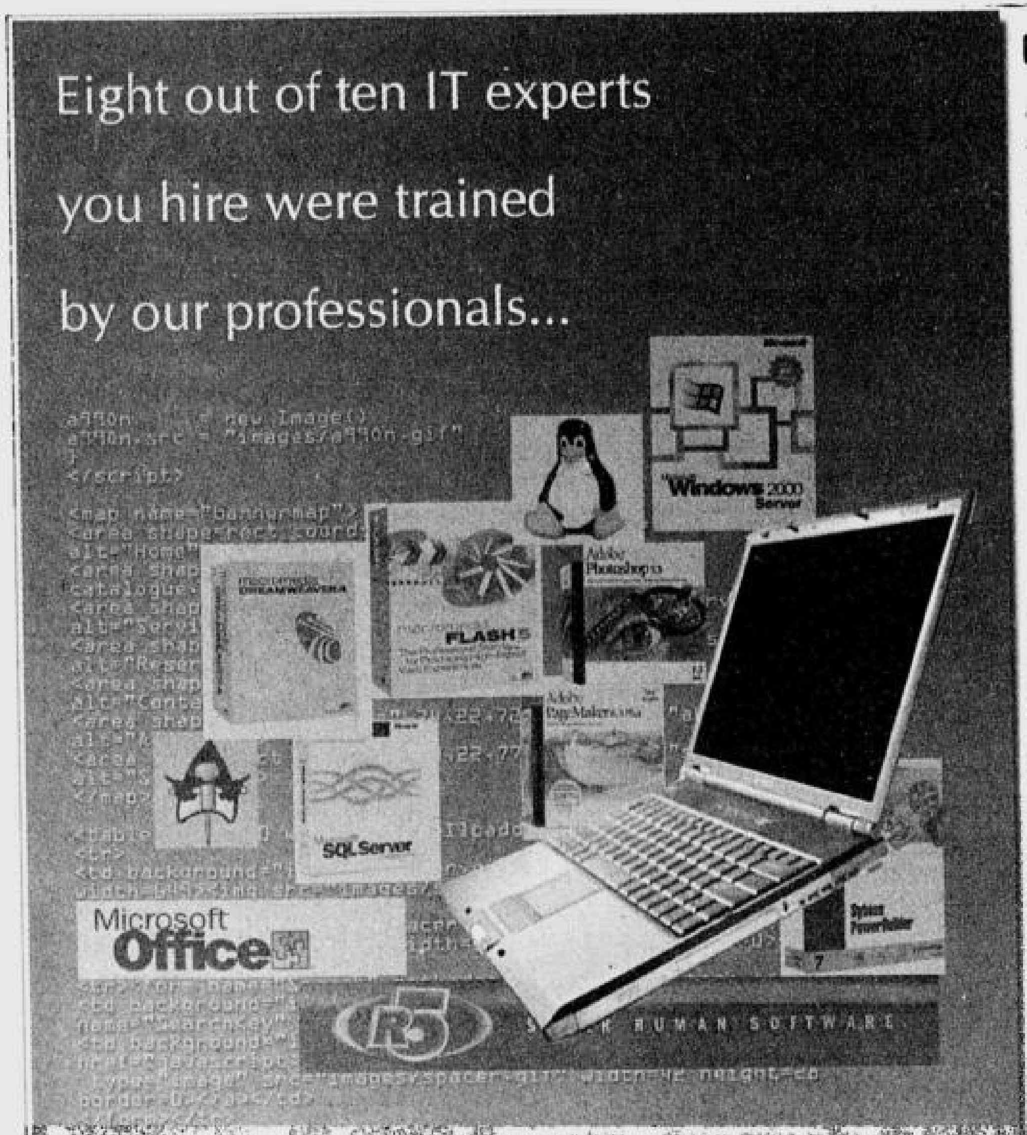

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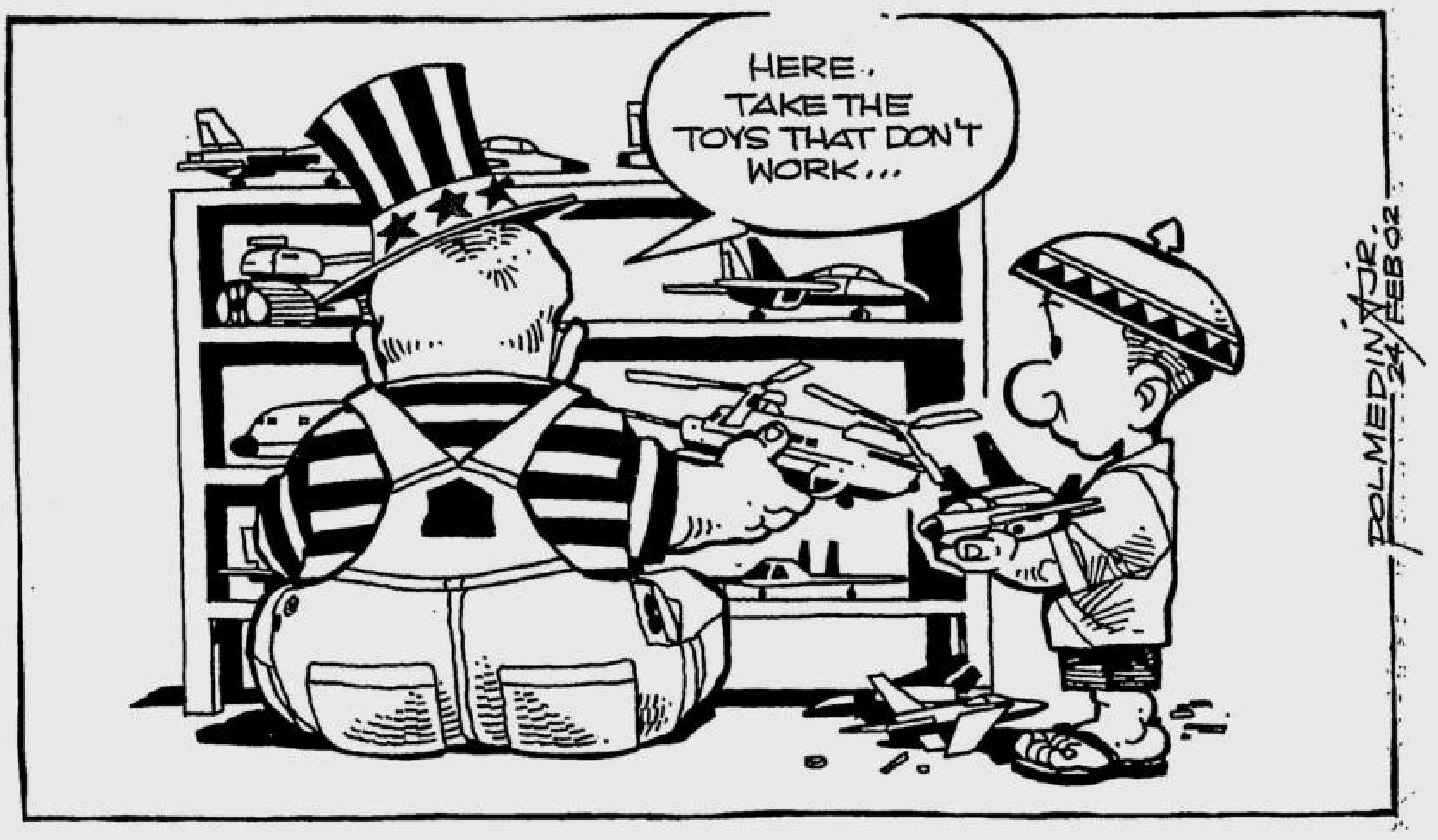
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No picnic

EDITORIAL

ON FRIDAY, the joint RP-US war games turned deadly real. The crash of the MH-47E helicopter off Apo Island, some 20 nautical miles south of Dumaguete City, killed 10 American servicemen. In terms of lives lost, this was the worst for the US military since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks—the war in Afghanistan included.

That it happened on a routine transport run raises fundamental questions, not only about the ongoing Balikatan military exercise, but also about the nature of risk soldiers face every day.

A saddened President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was quick and gracious with her comment. "As we have realized from the helicopter crash," she said, "this is not a picnic for the US soldiers. They also put their lives on the line. And they came here knowing the danger as well."

US President George W. Bush has repeatedly emphasized the element of risk involved in the war on terror, but this message is primarily for domestic consumption—that is, it is meant to steel the resolve of post-Vietnam, post-Watergate, post-New Economy Americans. For the rest of the world, the emphasis on the risk factor has been understood to mean a new willingness on the part of the United States to take on difficult missions, even—as its many critics suspect—to act unilaterally.

But whether critical or supportive of American military action, the general public understands the notion of danger in terms of actual combat. That is, people understand that when hostile forces engage, casualties are sustained. But the risk of death from accidents—from mechanical failure, from falling off a ship, even from falling off a bed—seems as remote to the public as, well, an easy-to-read actuarial table.

Consider the following, however. Since October last year, when the US-led international anti-terrorism coalition launched a war against Afghanistan's Taliban regime and the al-Qaida terrorist network it supported, 22 American servicemen have died while on duty. (The full list is accessible on the website of ABC, the American television network.) Of the total, only two died as a result of enemy fire or hostile action. Three died from so-called friendly fire (a misdirected US bomb). Depending on how the causes are classified, as many as six died from accidents (including one 20-year-old who fell off the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk and another sailor who died of head injuries after falling off his bunk). But 11—or half of the total—died as a result of military aircraft crashing in non-combat situations. A Black Hawk helicopter crashed in Pakistan on Oct. 19, killing two. A KC-130 crashed, also in Pakistan, on Jan. 9, killing seven. And a CH-53E chopper crashed in Afghanistan on Jan. 20, leaving two dead.

Truly, as these numbers prove, a soldier's life is no picnic.

The crash has also called one of the previously unchallenged assumptions behind the war games into question. Is the United States using inferior equipment? The technological prowess of the most formidable war machine in the world was one of the selling points of the Balikatan; it would give ill-equipped Philippine soldiers the opportunity to use advanced weaponry in situations approximating combat. But was the Armed Forces of the Philippines too eager to accept US help that it dared not look the gift horse in the mouth, so to speak, dared not inquire too closely into the equipment the Americans were bringing in?

It is too early to tell whether the Chinook that crashed suffered mechanical failure, but the criticism implicit in the preceding questions is based on an erroneous appreciation of the available facts. It is true that Chinooks first saw action in 1962, in Vietnam. But this does not mean that the chopper that fell on Friday was 40 years old. The Chinook's basic design does date from the 1950s, but the helicopter that crashed must have been only a few years old. MH-47Es entered military service only in 1994. Besides, would any general knowingly endanger his soldiers' lives by packing them in inside flying coffins? Military life is risky enough.

Escape as exile

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

NEVER in the entire history of the Congress of the Philippines has it sunk to such depths of obloquy as at the present time when an overwhelming majority of the Senate and more than 100 members of the House of Representatives have formally endorsed the motion of Joseph Estrada for permission to go abroad for surgery on his knees by American doctors.

Only a year ago, there was nationwide euphoria over the ouster of Estrada after the mind-boggling revelations of his involvement in a number of secret financial transactions of plunder proportions. In due time, both the Senate and the House of Representatives formally recognized President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as his constitutional successor. Their separate resolutions were among the factors considered by the Supreme Court in dismissing Estrada's petition to regain his office on the ground that he had never relinquished it.

These events marginalized the ex-president except for the serious criminal charges against him, especially the heinous offense of plunder. This is defined as the accumulation of ill-gotten wealth in the amount of at least P50 million and is punishable with death. The evidence against him being strong, Estrada was denied bail and is now detained in comfortable quarters not allowed other prisoners similarly charged.

The Sandiganbayan had earlier denied Erap's plea to go to the United States for a cataract operation. He then submitted to the skills of our own doctors and later declared his full satisfaction with their services in correcting his vision. Nevertheless, he has again expressed his wish to go abroad, this time for surgery on both his knees. He is again exhibiting his lack of confidence in our own physicians and belittling many of our modern hospitals.

As a former president, Erap should be the last to disparage our medical profession, which includes prestigious members with impressive credentials recognized even by their foreign colleagues. Complicated heart surgeries, let alone relatively simple knee operations, have been successfully performed by them in our own adequately equipped hospitals. Yet the fastidious Mr. Estrada, who used to eat with his fingers among the *bakya* crowd, would scorn our own medical facilities as if we were living in the primitive regions of darkest Africa where diseases are exorcised by witch doctors.

The wonder of it is that he is not alone in downgrading our own specialists' competence to repair his legs. The nation was jolted last week when no less than 19 members of the usually circumspect Senate signed a resolution favoring Erap's desire to seek medical treatment in the United States. Unbelieving surprise turned to outrage when the House of Representatives followed suit, with 136 of its members endorsing his motion.

The announced reasons of the sentimental solons are mainly emotional. They say that the poor man is suffering because of his defective knees and should be allowed the opportunity to have them treated by doctors of his own choice. One senator pontificated that everyone should have this right, forgetting that Erap is not everyone. He is accused of plundering billions of public funds and faces a possible death sentence that will make his knee operation irrelevant.

Not even allowed to be free on bail in this country, he now wants to go to a foreign country where he will have every opportunity to disappear.

It is suggested that, to guarantee his return, a security detail be assigned to keep an eye on him while he is abroad. That tops everything for sheer stupidity. Round-trip air fare, first-class board and lodging, special allowances and other incidental expenses for these privileged sentinels will be borne by the Filipino people to accommodate the whim of the ousted president during the four months he expects to be away. It will be no comfort either if Erap offers to pay all their expenses because that is the best way to insure his escape while his so-called guards look at the bright blue American skies.

There is the disturbing talk that it is President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo who is secretly orchestrating the pro-Erap movement so she can get rid of her foremost gadfly. His arranged "escape," with the blessings of Congress, would result in his *de facto* exile, which is presumably what the administration wants but will not openly admit. This option was reportedly offered to and rejected by Erap last year, but things may be different now.

If all these speculations are true, there is even more reason to condemn the congressional resolutions. The legislators are allowing themselves to be used by Malacañang, which could explain the inclusion of majority solons among the signatories of the resolutions. Worse, even as they are yielding their independence to the executive, they are also exerting undue influence on the Sandiganbayan, to the detriment of judicial independence. No wonder Congress is more despised now than in 1945 when its members voted themselves backpay for services they had rendered during the Japanese Occupation.

But all is not lost because the judiciary is not easily pressured by Congress or even by Congress *and* the President. I for one have full faith in the integrity and courage of the Sandiganbayan justices trying Estrada. I know they will follow the splendid example of Lord Coke who, against the intimidations of the King of England, stood fast with the ringing words: *"I will do what becomes me as a judge."*

Statue?

MOMENTS

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QUESTION: How do you say in Japanese, *"Gusto mo pa ng kanin?"*

Answer: Samurais?

Question: How do you say in English, *"Ikaw ba 'yan?"*

Answer: Statue?

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The Gospel for today (Mt. 17, 1-9) is about Jesus' transfiguration, when His appearance changed as His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light. For a while, His disciples did not recognize Him, till from a cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."

Ask yourself these questions: Would the Lord still recognize me after all these years? Am I still pleasing in God's eyes? What happened to my original beauty and innocence? How about my dreams, my values, my idealism?

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Does the Lord still recognize you?

This reminds me of a story about a very good woman who asked the Lord for one thing—a long life—on her 60th birthday. "Thirty years more," the Lord assured her. With that assurance, she began to live it up and self-indulge. First, she had a face-lift, then a nose lift and all the works. Next, she had the color of her hair changed. But as she was going out of the beauty parlor, a taxi hit her, and she died on the spot. When she came face to face with God, she said, "Lord, you told me I still had 30 more years to live, how come I am dead already?" The Lord took a second look at her and said, "Oh, is that you? Sorry, but I did not recognize you!"

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During this season of Lent, it is good to go back to the basics and allow ourselves to be questioned about life itself: Am I a better person now than last year? What are the things I need to change in my life, my lifestyle and my relationships? Am I willing to accept changes and open to the possibility of changes in my life?

The transfiguration of Jesus should make us reflect more deeply on the chances and the changes in our lives.

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Sometimes, it takes only one moment, one event, one experience to transform a whole lifetime. What would you do if tomorrow you would know whether you have AIDS or not? Pray, I suppose.

Last week, a pretty young lady asked me to do just that for her. She asked for a blessing and for an absolution for her past sins. And pray we did, knowing that whatever the result, positive or negative, was going to change her life forever.

The next day, she was crying over the phone to tell me the news—the good news—that she was HIV negative! Praise God! It was my first time to encounter such a situation. It was quite scary, I must admit, especially the realization that there are some things we do in life which we no longer can undo. Better to make good choices and changes in life, for some choices and changes are irreversible and can affect our lives forever.

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A cold, unfeeling, unbending, heartless piece of stone? Statue? Is that you?!

Some of us, maybe because of our past or maybe just for survival, have become statues. Not wanting to be hurt, we hold back our loving and calculate our expressions of love. We settle for surface relationships and just skim the water for the functional and practical, never immersing ourselves in deep relationships. We'd rather operate on the level of the head or of the pocket, and become cynical or belittle matters of the heart. And so, after some time, many of us end up as smooth operators and functional geniuses, without a feel for what is truly human and what is undeniably divine in us. In other words, a cold, heartless statue. Once again, "Is that you?"

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"Rise, and do not be afraid." These words of Jesus are so consoling. If you have fallen, listen to these words of hope. If you are in a mess, listen to these words of encouragement. If you are burdened by anything or by anyone, listen to these words of upliftment. If you are sick, listen to these words of healing. In effect, what Jesus is saying is that we **can** rise up, no matter what situation we make or find ourselves in. His message is that we must not stay down. The only way to go is **up**.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, remind me that I am not a cold and heartless statue, but a living, loving person with a heart. Amen.

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Reunion

HIGH BLOOD

Oscar L. Evangelista

WE'D also like to know the concerns of the sixtysomething and above, what makes their blood pressure rise or makes them sit back, content that all's well with their world and with themselves. **—Ed.**

THE CLASS of 1952 of Mapa High School celebrates the golden anniversary of its graduation this month. The *lolos* and *lolas* now were the teenyboppers of yesteryears, and some of them were still wearing short pants during our first year.

There were 15 sections in all, and since sections 1 to 7 met in the morning, and the others in the afternoon, we interacted mainly with classmates in our respective sections.

Our class witnessed the last year as principal of the well loved Ms Sarah M. England, who was given a tearful program when she retired. Mr. Indalecio Madamba succeeded her, and he was still the principal when we graduated.

We had our share of fun and frolic: learning how to dance in the house of a classmate, "*ligawan*," crushes, field days, stage presentations like Wilfredo Guerrero's "Deep in my Heart," with Rene Figueroa and Luz Fernandez in the lead roles, and beauty queens like Zeny Cuenca and Sagrada Pascasio. We even had a junior-senior prom, held in a spacious hall near the Rizal Memorial Coliseum during the ungodly hours of 1 to 6 p.m.! Our grandchildren would laugh at us now, but then we did not mind the heat. Everybody just danced the afternoon away.

We had good and dedicated teachers, among them Ms Pantig, Ms Remedios Morales, Ms Maria Angeles, Ms Rocio Kapunan, Ms Panalig Belmonte, Ms Paz Villarosa, Ms Guadalupe Layosa and Ms Elena Bautista. Come to think of it, they were all women. Most of our male teachers handled the vocational courses.

For our graduation, the Rizal Memorial Basketball stadium was the only place then that could accommodate such a large batch of graduates as ours. The boys wore all-white sharkskin suits and black bow ties, while the girls were in white gowns. For many of us, this was the first occasion to really go formal. As a fitting goodbye to high school days, we had our graduation ball at the Manila Hotel.

Our valedictorian was Jaime Santos, and our salutatorian was Yolando Q. Sulit. Jimmy became an engineer, and we learned later that he died quite young. Yolo became an outstanding cardiologist and died only recently. The "Balagtas" of our class, Lazaro Banag, became a prominent personality in Manila politics. There were a few who got into the honor roll, although there were many others who were worthy of being given honors.

After graduation, we parted ways. Many went on to college. The University of the Philippines, the Philippine College of Commerce (now the Polytechnic University of the Philippines) and the Philippine Normal College (now also a university) were the favorite schools because of their low tuition combined with quality education.

I went to UP and remained there for more than 40 years, serving in various academic and administrative positions.

We are proud to have produced medical doctors, engineers, scientists, teachers, college professors, lawyers, bankers, policemen, military and police generals, and other occupations that are no less important to society.

The first time we met again as a class was during our silver anniversary, when we held a dinner-dance at the Bayview Hotel.

The *kumustahans* and reunions continued in small groups as only a handful kept in touch with each other. Many emigrated to the United States, and others went on with their lives in the anonymity of their families and work.

Each time we met, anecdotes were told about the good old days. We "roasted" our classmates who were not around. Teachers did not escape the ribbing. One of our favorite stories was about a teacher in retail merchandising. Her students quickly discovered that she was reading only the first and last paragraphs of their test papers. Many got away with writing nonsense in between the first and last paragraphs, and got good grades.

During our reunions, stories about our families were exchanged: how our children were faring, the number of *apos* we had, etc. But it was not uncommon for a classmate to ask, "*Sino ka ba?*" or "*Kilala mo ba ako?*" Which was quite understandable since the once slim bodies had given way to paunches, muscles in the wrong places, and grey—or absent—hair.

As we prepare to meet our classmates whom we have not seen for ages, excitement mounts. One classmate who has had all kinds of health problems jokingly said that we are now in the "pre-departure" stage. But most of us continue to be productive in our remaining years, in the company of our loved ones and friends.

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Alma and Joey

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

UP THERE along with the Abu Sayyaf beheading, the PEACe bonds transaction and maybe now the downed Chinook in the hierarchy of party chatter is the separation, after 12 years of togetherness, of Parañaque Mayor Joey Marquez and Alma Moreno.

The talk is being fed not just by the fact that both Joey and Alma are celebrities, and that theirs had been considered as one of the more stable relationships in the volatile world of show biz. Fanning the fire of speculation is that neither has been shy about talking about the breakup and throwing juicy details.

Both Joey and Alma look pained and have even been shown close to or shedding tears while telling their respective sides of the story. But that doesn't seem to have stopped them, or their friends, from talking to interviewers about such a "painful and private" matter.

Rushing to the side of his "wronged" friend the mayor, actor and legislator wannabe Richard Gomez let off a mouthful when he said Alma should be "grateful" that Joey deigned to marry her and presumably make a decent woman of her. This despite the fact that she had two sons by two previous partners, neither birth legitimized by marriage. This expectedly drew an angry reaction from Alma, who said that she may not have been married to the fathers of her sons Mark Anthony and Vandolph, but that doesn't mean she's promiscuous, hopping from the bed of one man to another. "My relationships with both (actor Rudy Fernandez and comedy icon Dolphy) lasted for years," she told Boy Abunda in an hour-long "conversation."

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Now, the shoe is on the other foot. Some members of Congress are giving the Sandiganbayan a "dose of its own medicine." They are openly interfering in the performance of the duties and responsibilities of the judiciary.

They see nothing illegal or immoral about it. They have conveniently forgotten the principle of separation of powers and respect for a co-equal body, which they loudly proclaimed when the judiciary tried to enforce the law on preventive suspension of public officials.

The financial rewards promised for such double standard must be enormous.

Future prospects

Today, it's support for Estrada's plea for medical treatment abroad. What other forms of interference can we expect from Congress as the trial of Estrada moves on?

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The Sandiganbayan justices hearing Estrada's case are men and women learned in the law whose integrity is beyond question. They should be left alone to complete their assigned task.

The wheels of justice on the plunder case should be allowed to take their natural course without some nosy and impertinent congressmen and senators unnecessarily getting into the picture.

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HIGH BLOOD

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WE'D also like to know the concerns of the sixtysomething and above, what makes their blood pressure rise or makes them sit back, content that all's well with their world and with themselves. **—Ed.**

THE CLASS of 1952 of Mapa High School celebrates the golden anniversary of its graduation this month. The *lolos* and *lolas* now were the teenyboppers of yesteryears, and some of them were still wearing short pants during our first year.

There were 15 sections in all, and since sections 1 to 7 met in the morning, and the others in the afternoon, we interacted mainly with classmates in our respective sections.

Our class witnessed the last year as principal of the well loved Ms Sarah M. England, who was given a tearful program when she retired. Mr. Indalecio Madamba succeeded her, and he was still the principal when we graduated.

We had our share of fun and frolic: learning how to dance in the house of a classmate, "*ligawan*," crushes, field days, stage presentations like Wilfredo Guerrero's "Deep in my Heart," with Rene Figueroa and Luz Fernandez in the lead roles, and beauty queens like Zeny Cuenca and Sagrada Pascasio. We even had a junior-senior prom, held in a spacious hall near the Rizal Memorial Coliseum during the ungodly hours of 1 to 6 p.m.! Our grandchildren would laugh at us now, but then we did not mind the heat. Everybody just danced the afternoon away.

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We are proud to have produced medical doctors, engineers, scientists, teachers, college professors, lawyers, bankers, policemen, military and police generals, and other occupations that are no less important to society.

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Each time we met, anecdotes were told about the good old days. We "roasted" our classmates who were not around. Teachers did not escape the ribbing. One of our favorite stories was about a teacher in retail merchandising. Her students quickly discovered that she was reading only the first and last paragraphs of their test papers. Many got away with writing nonsense in between the first and last paragraphs, and got good grades.

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As we prepare to meet our classmates whom we have not seen for ages, excitement mounts. One classmate who has had all kinds of health problems jokingly said that we are now in the "pre-departure" stage. But most of us continue to be productive in our remaining years, in the company of our loved ones and friends.

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Suspension order

The Senate took a leaf from its counterpart in the House when a similar incident happened in 1997. (Who was it who said that "mediocrity being weightless rises to the top"?)

In May of that year, the Sandiganbayan issued an order suspending then Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago from office in connection with certain acts of graft and corruption she allegedly committed when she was still head of the Bureau of Immigration during the Aquino administration. Fiercely protective of one of its own, the Senate refused to comply with the order. It invoked the principle of separation of powers. It argued that the judiciary has no business imposing disciplinary action on its members even for causes that arose before they were elected to office. It maintained that it is the sole judge on when their members can be dismissed or suspended.

The Senate engaged in all kinds of delaying tactics to prevent the implementation of the suspension order. In a clear case of conflict of interest, Defensor even filed a bill prohibiting the suspension of any member of the Senate by the courts during his or her term of office! To its credit, the Senate did not act on that clearly self-serving proposal.

By the time the Supreme Court ruled with finality that the suspension order was valid, Defensor's term had ended and her reelection bid roundly rejected by the electorate. Since there was no public office from which she could be suspended, the order became academic.

Now, the shoe is on the other foot. Some members of Congress are giving the Sandiganbayan a "dose of its own medicine." They are openly interfering in the performance of the duties and responsibilities of the judiciary.

They see nothing illegal or immoral about it. They have conveniently forgotten the principle of separation of powers and respect for a co-equal body, which they loudly proclaimed when the judiciary tried to enforce the law on preventive suspension of public officials.

The financial rewards promised for such double standard must be enormous.

Future prospects

Today, it's support for Estrada's plea for medical treatment abroad. What other forms of interference can we expect from Congress as the trial of Estrada moves on?

When the plunder case is submitted for decision by the Sandiganbayan, what can prevent the same bunch of lawmakers from signing a resolution requesting the court to give due consideration to Estrada's status as a former president in determining his guilt or innocence from the charges?

If the evidence presented proves that he is indeed guilty of plunder, it is not far-fetched to speculate that the merry gang of pro-Estrada lawmakers will come up with a resolution "suggesting" his imprisonment rather than the more deadly lethal injection.

The Sandiganbayan justices hearing Estrada's case are men and women learned in the law whose integrity is beyond question. They should be left alone to complete their assigned task.

The wheels of justice on the plunder case should be allowed to take their natural course without some nosy and impertinent congressmen and senators unnecessarily getting into the picture.

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Voluntary exile for Erap?

THE IDEA of sending ousted President Joseph Estrada into exile is not new.

Businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr., a close ally of Estrada, toyed with the idea three months before Estrada was ousted. A day before Estrada left Malacañang, then Senate President Aquilino Pimentel Jr. broached the idea with him to end the political standoff between the political opposition and the Estrada administration. Nothing came out of the proposals.

Now, a little more than a year after People Power II, the idea is being floated again. Some officials of the House of Representatives want Estrada, who is seeking treatment abroad for his arthritic knees, sent into exile to bring about "healing" between the Estrada forces and the Macapagal administration.

Pimentel insists that the idea is still sound although he says it's the Sandiganbayan or the Supreme Court that has the final say on the matter. "I still believe that had Erap been exiled as I had proposed, we would have lesser political tensions than we now have in the country."

He says that exiling individuals has been an internationally accepted way of defusing political tensions.

But two civil society groups oppose letting Estrada leave for abroad. Plunder Watch says an Estrada exile will damage whatever remains of the country's democratic institutions while Kompil 2 maintains that there is no reconciliation without justice.

'Had Erap been exiled we would have less political tension'

By Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr.

FORMER President Joseph Ejercito Estrada should have been exiled on the day Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo assumed the presidency on Jan. 20, 2001.

The day before, on the afternoon of Jan. 19, Erap and I met at Malacañang on his request. I had not asked what specifically we would talk about but I suspected that it would touch on the demonstrations at Edsa that were then heating up and were threatening to erupt into imminent violence.

Tensions had escalated by then because the military had withdrawn its support to Erap and had switched its loyalty to the Vice President.

My hunch turned out correct. Erap wanted to discuss the holding of a snap presidential election in which he would not be a candidate as a way of easing the tensions. The catch was that he would resign only after the winner shall have been installed as the new president.

I told him rather bluntly that the proposal was not constitutionally feasible. After hours of argument, I offered an alternative that I said could end the political standoff that had paralyzed his administration and had the nation on edge from Jan. 16 up to that fateful afternoon of our conversation. He had to step down and go voluntarily into exile, I said.

I believed that his continued presence in the country would only make matters worse for the incoming Macapagal administration and consequently for the country.

His immediate reaction was to reject the proposal. He would rather stay in the country, he said, face his accusers and clear himself of their accusations.

I tried to argue him out of his position. I told him that if he would not step down and go into voluntary exile his followers and the Edsa demonstrators could clash violently and that could very well lead to numerous deaths, widespread destruction and national instability.

By early nightfall, he finally agreed that I sound out former President Cory Aquino and Jaime Cardinal Sin on the idea. At that time, Vice President Macapagal-Arroyo had reportedly repaired to her hotel hideout for a much-needed rest.

I saw Cory and the Cardinal at the sacristy of the Edsa Shrine and relayed to them the suggestion that Erap could step down and go into voluntary exile. Both agreed in principle with the proposal.

But when I got back to Malacañang late that night to work out the details of the idea, Erap had changed his mind. He would no longer step down, much less go into voluntary exile.

In any event, the exile proposal had become irrelevant. Gloria is now president. Erap is in detention. The rest is history.

For purposes of discussion, however, I still believe that had Erap been exiled as I had proposed, we would have lesser political tensions than we now have in the country.

Accepted practice

Exiling whole races or individuals who create clear dangers or pose potential violent challenges to governments has, since ancient times, been an internationally accepted way, rightly or wrongly, of defusing political tensions in a State.

In Biblical times, the Jews were exiled as a race to Babylon. In modern times, Cubans by the thousands preferred exile to life in Cuba. So did thousands of Vietnamese "boat people."

Individuals who were considered subversives in their home countries had been routinely exiled to foreign lands. Ancient Rome, for example, exiled Marcus Tullius Cicero, Ovid, Seneca the Younger, Dio Chrysostomus, and Anicius Manlius Boethius.

In the 17th century, France exiled Napoleon Bonaparte first to Elba in 1814 and later to St. Helena where he subsequently died. In the 20th century, the Dalai Lama of Tibet went into exile in India in 1959 where he stays to this day. Afghanistan exiled King Mohamed Shahir Shah to Italy in 1973 where he now lives. Pakistan exiled President Sharif Nawaz to Saudi Arabia in the late 1990s, where he still lives. Indeed, President Ion Iliescu of Romania, who visited the country recently, was exiled during the communist regime of Nicolae Ceaucescu who was overthrown in the late 1980s.

In our own country, the list of eminent exiles is long. It includes our foremost hero Dr. Jose Rizal. The Spanish government first "exiled" him for subversive activities to the then faraway town of Dapitan in Mindanao in 1892 as a preliminary step to banishing him eventually to Ceuta in Morocco.

The intent never came to pass, however, as they foolishly thought that it was a better idea to implement the rule of law by bringing him back to Manila and executing him than to exile him. The execution of Rizal at the Bagumbayan in 1896 fueled a nationwide revolt against Spain that eventually terminated its colonial rule over the country in two years.

Mabini to Guam

When the Americans took over the colonization of the country from Spain at the turn of the century, they also resorted to exile as a means of quieting down the revolutionary movement that was then being mounted against their government. Apolinario Mabini was an outstanding example of a leader of the country whom the Americans banished to Guam along with Gen. Artemio Ricarte, Gen. Pio del Pilar and revolutionaries who had either surrendered or had been captured by US troops.

Our own government has a record of exiling "troublesome" individuals.

Marcos, for instance, exiled the Yuyitung brothers to Taiwan in the early 1970s. He also "allowed" Ninoy Aquino to go into voluntary exile to the United States for medical treatment in 1977. And when Cory Aquino became president in 1986, she had Marcos sent to Hawaii with the active support of the Americans.

The exiles—foreign and local—in the examples cited had one thing in common. They were all considered "subversives" by their respective governments. They were condemned as subversives because they had opposed their governments in thought and in word, if not in deed.

In exiling them, the authorities concerned wanted to prevent them from infecting other people in their respective jurisdictions with their subversive ideas and to stop them from becoming the rallying points of those who oppose their continued stay in power.

Is Erap then a subversive? Under the definition mentioned above, if he is not yet one, he could be one.

One thing is certain: Erap's followers did try to smash their way into Malacañang on May 1, 2001 in a violent attempt to overthrow President Macapagal-Arroyo and reinstall him as president.

While the attempt failed, it has proven that there are thousands of Erap's followers even in the Greater Manila area alone who have the potential to destabilize the government. The tension they created through that massive show of force at the very gates of Malacañang continues to this very day.

That was precisely why I had suggested to Erap, Cory Aquino and Cardinal Sin that he (Erap) step down and go into voluntary exile that afternoon of Jan. 19.

That was a little over a year ago.

So many things have transpired since then. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is now the President. She determines whether or not it is politically expedient even to consider Erap's going into voluntary exile. But since Erap is now facing charges of plunder before the Sandiganbayan, it is the anti-graft court or the Supreme Court that has the final say on the matter.

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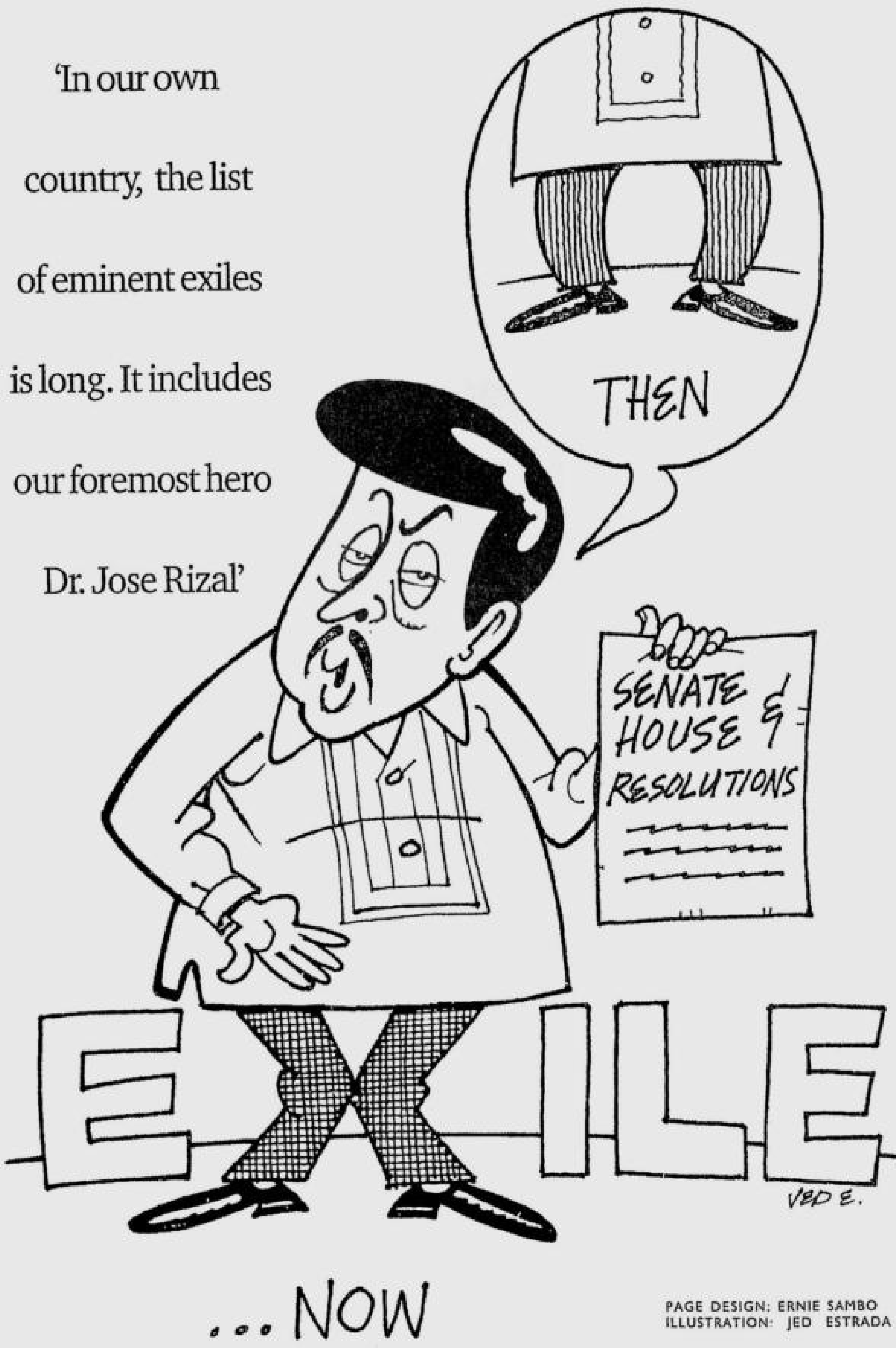

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'Wholesale betrayal of public trust'

By Carol P. Araullo,
Convenor, Plunder Watch

FIRST we were told that former President Joseph Estrada should be allowed to leave "hospital detention" so that he could get the best medical attention possible for his bad (osteoarthritic) knees. And since the best presumably can be found only outside the country, specifically in the United States, Estrada should be given leave of court to go abroad.

This is the "humanitarian" reason given by 19 of our honorable senators and 136 of similarly honorable members of the House of Representatives for signing the resolutions initiated by Estrada loyalists Sen. Blas Ople and Rep. Didagen Dilangalen.

What our distinguished lawmakers—many of whom are lawyers—conveniently omit is that the ground cited for granting this unheard of privilege to one accused of a heinous, non-bailable crime punishable by death is completely without merit.

Estrada's medical condition is not life-threatening and top caliber medical expertise, technology and equipment are available in Metro Manila. What Filipino doctors were able to do for his eyes, they can very well do for his knees. We challenge anyone familiar with the state of the science and art of knee surgery in the country to disprove this.

This preposterously flimsy excuse duly exposed, the call has shifted to a grant of exile to Estrada. Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. started it by hinting that warring factions of our political elite could not kiss and make up after their polarization into pro- and anti-Erap camps so long as Estrada remains under detention.

Rep. Butz Aquino adds that Estrada's "prolonged treatment" in the United States will benefit President Macapagal-Arroyo because it will defuse a highly contentious issue which continues to be a source of her government's instability.

Political accommodation

There we have it, ladies and gentlemen. This is all about political accommodation and compromise after all. Forget those lofty principles the people had invoked in booting Estrada out of office a little more than a year ago—truth, justice, accountability of public officials, good governance and so forth and so on. The message our honorable legislators would now beam to our long-suffering and increasingly cynical people is that CRIME DOES PAY.

Never mind if Estrada stands accused of plundering the people's money, using the most exalted position in the land for such thievery, then using it again to cover up his crimes. Never mind that plunder is economic sabotage, a treasonous offense by any standard.

Betrayal of public trust by its highest repositories undoubtedly ranks among the highest forms of treason. For this Estrada is justly incarcerated and being tried. It is dubious enough that he is afforded the privilege and comfort of a renovated hospital suite rather than a cold, damp jail cell into which others, accused of lighter offenses, are thrown. It is even worse that the twin resolutions and the perorations of the politicians would now trivialize Estrada's crimes against the people and against his high office and offer him the chance to escape prosecution and punishment.

Solomonic solution

And we the people are expected to take all this in stride. As Erap used to say, "Weather-weather *lang yan.*" (*Pana-panahon lang yan.*) Worse, our honorable lawmakers would hoodwink us into accepting and applauding Estrada's exile as the Solomonic solution to the endless politicking and bitter recrimination between the pro- and anti-Erap camps.

The problem unfortunately goes much further. It translates into tolerating, and worse, encouraging all corrupt and abusive public officials and all those aspiring for high office and higher take to go on their merry way. The signal is crystal-clear: the higher and mightier you are, the more corruption you can perpetrate with impunity. And if you are President, you can even get away with plunder. The resultant free-for-all raids on our nation's coffers are sure to plunge our economy, not to mention our ethical standards, into even greater depths.

Many have correctly pointed out that an Estrada exile would damage whatever remains of our so-called democratic institutions. Even more profound, pervasive and permanent is the damage it will inflict on our national psyche. The crimes Estrada stands accused of—so despicable and outrageous our people rose to depose him and demand justice, rectitude and good governance—are now being glossed over and trivialized in backroom dealings and bargaining for a modus vivendi among these pragmatic politicians.

No matter how it is cosmeticized—"humanitarian," "practical solution", or what not—this high-level wheeling-dealing is nothing but a wholesale betrayal of public trust that will only exacerbate rather than mitigate our nation's ills. Woe unto them who are chosen to make the laws and are sworn to uphold the law, but trample on it with contempt and derision. And woe unto them who are the highest repositories of public trust, but betray it. For our people shall see well enough when they have been betrayed, and know when and how to withdraw that trust.

'No true reconciliation without justice'

By Bobbit Librojo,
Secretary general, Kongreso ng Mamamayang Pilipino (Kompil 2)

ALLOWING ousted President Joseph Estrada to leave the country will send a wrong signal to the public. Irreparable damage will be done to efforts to rid society of corruption if a person, who abused the powers and privileges of the highest office in the land to enrich himself on a grand scale, is given special treatment.

If Estrada is allowed to leave the country, he will be placed far from the reach of the courts. It will open a window of opportunity for him to escape the consequences of his crimes. It will also allow him the opportunity to enjoy the fruits of his plundering ways—at least P3.3 billion accumulated during his 31 months as President.

Rep. Butz Aquino, one of the proponents of the House resolution, was quoted as saying, "This is what you might call promotion of peace (and reconciliation).

Perhaps he should be reminded that when the Filipino people launched the 1986 People Power revolt and booted out the dictator, there was also a call for reconciliation from the sympathizers of Marcos. And the anti-dictatorship coalition we both belonged to (Remember Bandila, Butz?) said "there is no true reconciliation without justice."

One must repent before one can be forgiven. And though justice must indeed be tempered with mercy, there must first be justice. One of the mistakes of People Power I was the swiftness with which we forgave and forgot the cohorts of the dictator who brought untold suffering to the Filipino people. Though charges were filed against Marcos and his cronies, not one of them was put in jail. Because of that lapse, the process of national renewal was never completed.

Closure

This is a mistake that Kompil 2 and other civil society groups have vowed not to repeat. The plunder trial of Estrada and his co-accused must proceed expeditiously. The charges against Estrada must be resolved. There must be closure in this chapter of our history.

Sen. Tessie Oreta-Aquino has provided another, albeit bizarre, twist in this issue by invoking the memory of her brother, the modern-day hero Ninoy Aquino in justifying the need to allow Estrada to seek medical treatment abroad. By her reasoning, if Marcos can allow Ninoy then to undergo a heart operation in the United States, then the present administration also should allow Estrada to undergo knee surgery in the United States. Is she saying that the cases of Ninoy Aquino and Joseph Estrada are the same? Isn't this an insult to her revered brother? Ninoy was tried and convicted by a military court on trumped up charges because he was Marcos' opponent. Marcos, not Ninoy, plundered Philippine society; Estrada is being tried for that crime. Moreover, Ninoy was convicted before being granted permission to leave the country for medical treatment. Estrada is still being tried.

Rebs seize 14 workers of electric cooperative

LEGAZPI CITY—Some 30 New People's Army rebels abducted 14 linemen and construction workers of the First Catanduanes Electric Cooperative at noon Friday in Barangay Cabugao, Virac town, and took their hostages to Barangay Panato, Pandan, 95 km north of Virac.

An intelligence report reaching Maj. Jose Broso, Armed Forces Civil Relations Group Bicol head, said the Ficelco employees were taken on board two dump trucks of the electric cooperative toward the northernmost town of Catanduanes.

Broso said the rebels were demanding P50,000 ransom money.

"I don't know why it is that small amount. But I believe it was just a diversionary tactic of the rebels and they might be planning something bigger somewhere," the military official said.

He added that the military has already set up a cordon along the coastal villages of the Caramoan Peninsula for possible transfer of the group from Catanduanes to Camarines Sur.

Broso said the NPA rebels belong to the Komite sa Larangang Gerilya-Komite sa Platon Pusa headed by Salvador Torsar alias Ka Rey and Ka Sayong.

The Catanduanes police said they were still confirming the reports.

A woman employee of Ficelco in Bato town said they were still also confirming the report. ***Roly Embile and Tony S. Macasinag, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

New gov't audit system now in use

ALL national government agencies and local government units have started using the New Government Accounting System (NGAS), according to Commission on Audit Chair Guillermo N. Carague.

A top priority project of Carague, the NGAS was finished in just four months at practically no cost to the government.

"We have done it in four months and COA has now come out with this new accounting system at practically no cost to the government except for the coffee and biscuits we consumed while working on it," Carague said.

Carague said the work is in itself a fitting tribute to the professional competence of COA personnel involved in the project.

The chairman said the conceptualization, design and actual production of the NGAS would have cost the government somewhere between P1 billion and $2 billion had foreign consultants been hired to do the job.

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PEARL KILLING

Musharraf vows war on terror

KARACHI—The videotaped killing of kidnapped Daniel Pearl drove President Pervez Musharraf to declare war on terrorists in Pakistan, but the widow of the American journalist dismissed the idea of revenge.

In a national television address on Friday night, Musharraf said all resources would be thrown into finding the executioners of the Wall Street Journal reporter, whose captors filmed him as they cut his throat and then sent the video to a journalist.

"I can assure my countrymen that we will not leave any stone unturned to bring all these people involved in this murder to justice and set an example of them for other such people who may be thinking of such acts in the future," Musharraf declared.

He vowed to wipe out all extremist groups.

"I think our resolve increases with such acts to move more strongly against all such terrorist people and those organizations which perpetrate such terrorism. To move against them and liquidate them entirely from our country," he said.

Pearl's widow Marianne, also a journalist and seven months pregnant with the couple's first child, issued a statement in New York calling her husband's killing an "act of barbarism" but dismissing the idea of revenge as too easy.

"It is far more valuable in my opinion to address this problem of terrorism with enough honesty to question our own responsibility as nations and as individuals for the rise of terrorism," she said.

Pearl said she hoped she "will be able to tell our son that his father carried the flag to end terrorism, raising an unprecedented demand among people from all countries not for revenge but for the values we all share: love, compassion, friendship and citizenship far transcending the so-called clash of civilizations."

Pearl, 38, disappeared in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city with 14 million people, on Jan. 23 as he tried to contact Islamic radical groups and investigate possible links between alleged shoe bomber Richard Reid and the al-Qaida network.

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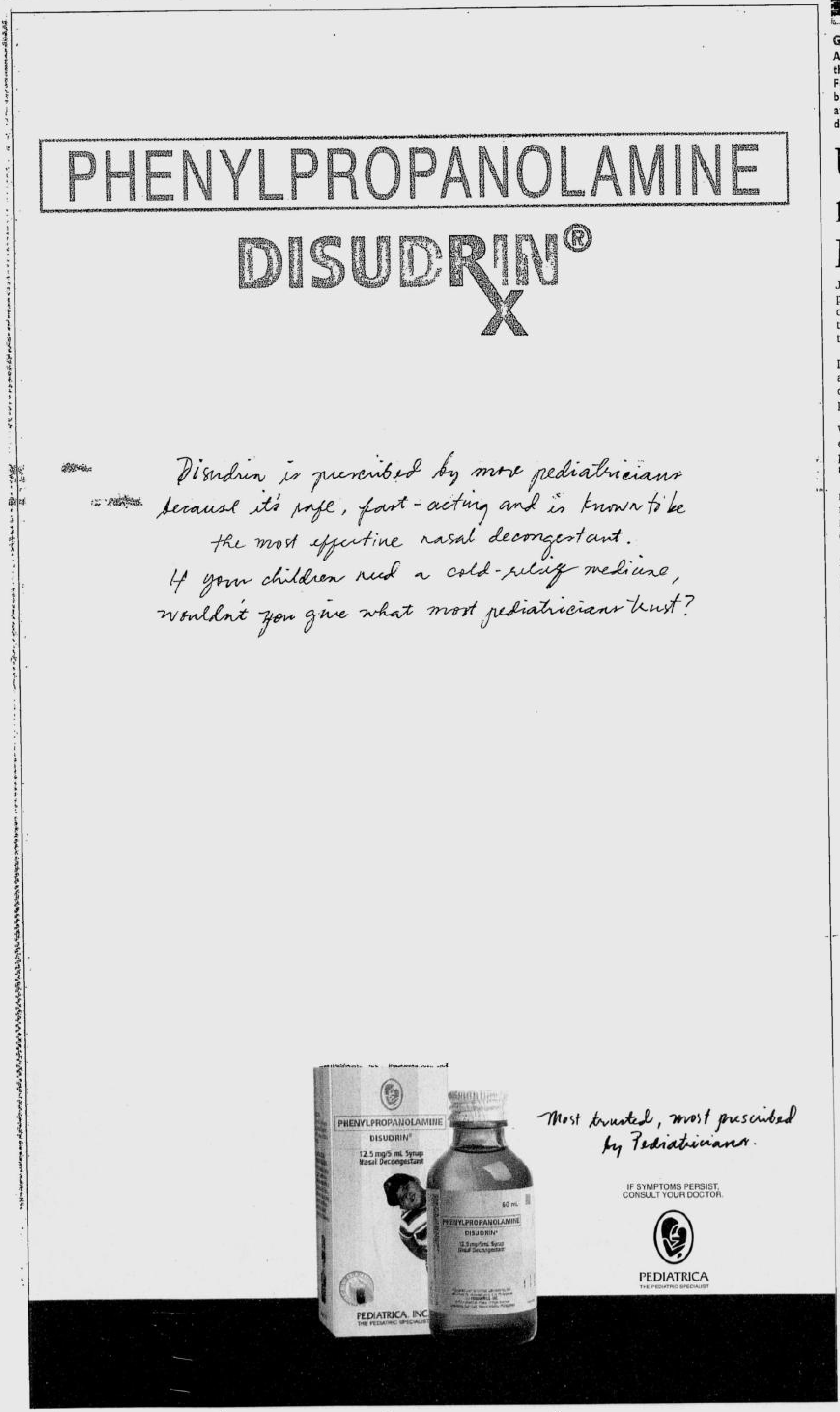
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US, EU ready new push for Mideast calm

JERUSALEM—The United States and European Union prepared to launch fresh efforts to calm the Middle East as raging Israeli-Palestinian violence threatened to spiral out of control.

US Secretary of State Colin Powell said on Friday the United States was concerned about a "serious escalation" in a nearly 17-month-old Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation.

"We are concerned. As soon as I get back to Washington, I'll spend a good part of the weekend re-engaging both sides," Powell told reporters aboard Air Force One returning from a trip to Asia with President George W. Bush.

Powell said both parties were "trying to move forward" in the peace process after Israeli forces launched fierce retaliatory strikes for a Palestinian attack that killed six soldiers on Tuesday.

Bush's administration has been criticized for keeping its distance from the Middle East conflict despite wanting to enlist Arab support for its anti-terror campaign.

European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana was due to arrive in the region on Sunday to meet Israeli and Palestinian leaders before visiting Egypt and Jordan.

"Don't expect miracles," Solana told reporters.

There was a lull in the Israeli raids on Friday after Israeli and Palestinian security officials met the previous day to discuss ways of halting the violence.

Jibril al-Rajoub, Palestinian preventive security chief in the West Bank, said Palestinians at the meeting understood Israel was ready to halt its military operations in Palestinian areas to encourage calm. He said a second meeting was planned for Sunday.

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'Axis of evil' bedevils Powell

WASHINGTON—US Secretary of State Colin Powell appears to be getting a bit tired of the worldwide focus on President George W. Bush's "axis of evil."

Aboard Air Force One on a return trip to Washington, Powell told reporters the phrase did not overshadow Bush's just-completed trip to Asia, including meetings with South Korea's leader.

"And guess what? They spent almost no time talking about 'the term, the bloody term,'" Powell said, resorting to a bit of British vulgarity in his frustration. "They never talked about it; didn't have to. It was in the background. Everybody knew it was in the ether; that wasn't the issue."

Bush called North Korea, Iraq and Iran an "axis of evil" during his State of the Union speech last month.

Powell, considered the Bush administration's principal moderate on foreign policy, has spent much time since the speech explaining to allies, and trying to reassure them, about what Bush meant.

During visits to South Korea, Japan and China this week, Bush and Powell sought to convince their counterparts the administration plans no imminent military action against North Korea and offered to reopen talks with the nation's communist government.

Earlier Friday, Powell said "axis of evil" had had the desired effect. "I'm sure their mind is a little more focused than it was a few weeks ago," he said, speaking of the North Koreans.

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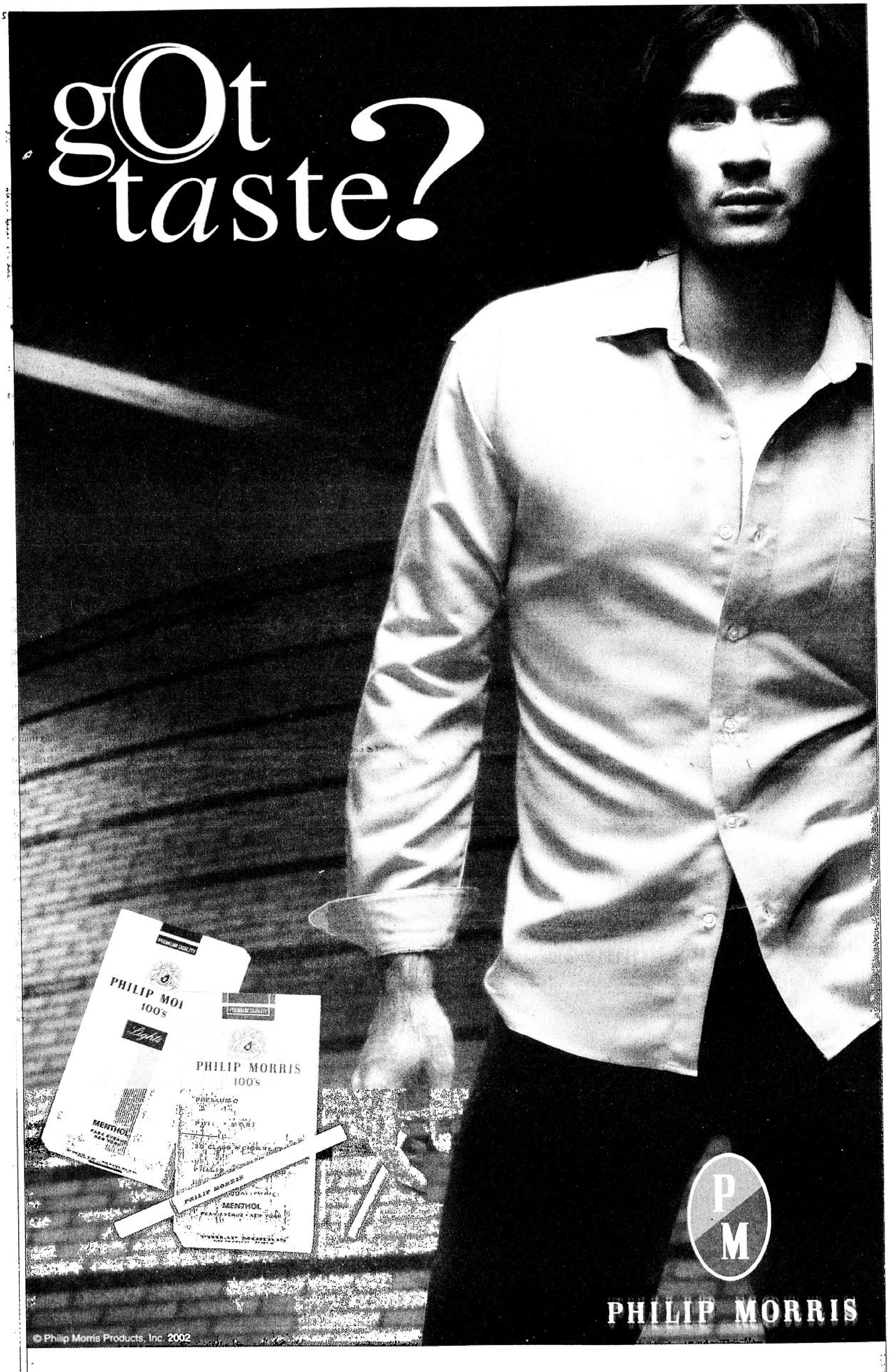
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US Congress probe arm sues W. House over Enron papers

WASHINGTON—The investigative arm of Congress filed an unprecedented lawsuit against the White House on Friday, demanding to learn the role that energy companies including Enron Corp. played in developing the Bush administration's energy policy.

The General Accounting Office filed the suit in US District Court in Washington, setting up a legal and constitutional battle with the Republican administration of President George W. Bush.

The congressional agency is seeking records of an energy task force led by Vice President Dick Cheney that sought to draft a new national energy policy last year.

It is pursuing the case at the request of Democratic lawmakers who say environmentalists were mostly excluded from the closed meetings of the task force, which produced a policy calling for more oil and gas drilling, as well as a revival of nuclear power.

"We take this step reluctantly. Nevertheless, given GAO's responsibility to Congress and the American people, we have no other choice," the GAO said in a statement.

The White House argues that releasing the documents would damage the executive branch's ability to obtain candid outside advice. Officials said the administration was ready for courtroom combat.

"We have been ready to fight for this important principle since the GAO first indicated they were going to file suit last summer," White House spokesperson Scott McClellan said on Friday. "And we look forward to the court reviewing this matter."

It is the first time the 80-year-old GAO has taken the executive branch to court over access to documents; other such disputes have been settled out of court. Even former President Richard Nixon, who fought other court battles over executive privilege, handed over papers requested by the GAO.

The GAO asserts it has the right to the documents as part of congressional oversight of the executive branch. But the Bush White House says the GAO is overreaching its authority.

The White House acknowledges Cheney or members of the task force met six times last year with representatives of Enron, a major political contributor to Bush and other politicians that collapsed into bankruptcy in December.

But that is only part of the information GAO Comptroller General David Walker seeks.

He wants the names of everyone who met with any member of the task force and its staff to discuss energy policy, as well as the attendees at group meetings, names of task force staff, dates of meetings and the cost of the project.

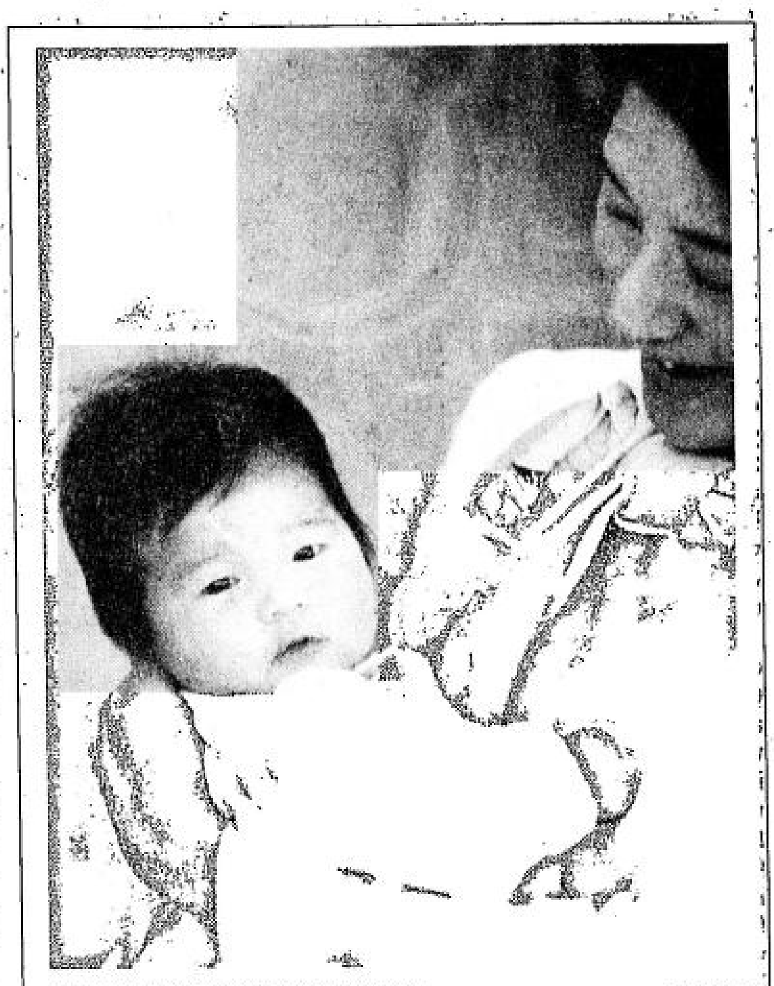
Walker has, however, abandoned his original request for notes of the meetings. He had threatened to sue last September, but held off after the Sept. 11 attacks on Washington and New York.

The original request for GAO action came last spring from Reps. Henry Waxman of California and John Dingell of Michigan, Democrats who suspected private-sector groups heavily influenced the White House energy plan.

"It's remarkable and sad that the administration has forced GAO to take this unprecedented action," Waxman said in a statement on Friday.

"Revealing names of lobbyists and campaign contributors may be unpleasant to the vice president, but as previous administrations have learned, avoiding embarrassment isn't a constitutional protection," Waxman added.

Cheney is himself a former head of an energy services company and Bush is a former oil man, but the White House denies its policy was overly influenced by energy companies. *Reuters*



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JAPAN'S Princess Aiko is held in the arms of her mother, Crown Princess Masako, at their Togu Palace residence in Tokyo. Japanese Crown Prince Naruhito celebrates his 42nd birthday on Feb. 23. Picture taken Feb. 7.

Pilgrims 'stone the devil' in accident-free haj

MINA, Saudi Arabia—Almost two million Muslims on the haj pilgrimage continued the ritual of stoning pillars representing Satan at Mina, near Mecca, on Saturday, as Saudi authorities said the first often-fraught day passed off without incident.

Pilgrims will throw seven small stones or "Jamarat" at each of three giant pillars symbolizing Satan. The stoning, the last ritual of the haj, continues in the same fashion on Sunday and Monday.

Thousands of police, paramedics and civil defense personnel continued to monitor the stoning area, a huge two-tier track with a capacity for 200,000 pilgrims an hour.

Thirty-five pilgrims died last year in a stampede during the stoning. In 1998, 118 pilgrims were killed and more than 180 others injured, while a similar stampede in 1994 claimed 270 lives.

The Saudi Red Crescent Society, which maintains 300 medical centers and 313 ambulances around the holy sites of Mecca, said the first day of the symbolic stoning had passed off peacefully and without a major accident.

"But there have been a number of heat exhaustion cases, especially among elderly people, due to the high temperature," Saleh al-Tuwaijri said.

Saudi newspapers reported Saturday that three elderly pilgrims, one a 90-year-old Yemeni, died during the symbolic ritual, and about 100 more were slightly injured.

Coupled with a high relative humidity, temperatures in the shade soared Friday to more than 35 degrees Celsius in Mina, an arid valley surrounded by high mountains.

Similar weather conditions were forecast for Saturday. *AFP*

MUSLIM pilgrims "stone the devil" in Mena, outside of Mecca, Feb. 23. Two million haj pilgrims went to Mena to perform the casting of seven stones to the pillars symbolizing Satan. Pilgrims believe that after haj, they will go back home as pure as the day they were born. REUTERS

Colombia troops take reb enclave

SAN VICENTE, Colombia—Helicopters dropped crack Colombian troops into a former rebel enclave on Friday, encountering sporadic machinegun fire that lightly wounded three soldiers but few other traces of their Marxist rebel foes, who had already melted away into the jungle.

At least three civilians—including a boy of 5 who was decapitated—died on a farm near La Ye, a village close to a big FARC base, when Colombian warplanes bombed the enclave on Thursday after peace talks collapsed and President Andres Pastrana ordered the troops in, sobbing relatives said.

Before dawn on Friday, Black Hawk choppers began ferrying 900 Rapid Deployment Force troops armed with assault rifles, grenade launchers and machine guns and saying they were "eager to fight," into the steamy savanna enclave.

The zone was ceded to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, in 1998 to spur now-failed peace talks in a war among leftist rebels, far-right paramilitary outlaws and the Army which has cost 40,000 lives in the last decade alone.

The only obvious witnesses to the start of the eviction operation, dubbed "Operation Thanatos" after the Greek god of death, were grazing cows. Troops swarmed into an old Army base just outside the southern town of San Vicente, raising the Colombian flag.

Armed forces chief Gen. Fernando Tapias said three helicopters were hit by gunfire and three crew slightly hurt.

Meanwhile, in the town's makeshift morgue, grieving relatives kept vigil beside the bodies of the boy, his father and a 14-year-old girl whom they said were killed on Thursday morning when a bomb dropped by the farm where they worked.

The girl's husband sat staring and weeping, fingering a plastic digital watch that had belonged to her.

Hospital officials said four people were injured, including the dead boy's mother and two-month-old sister. "We were in the house when the plane came and dropped the bomb," 19-year-old Joser Luber Pelingue, who had a big shrapnel wound in his thigh, said. *Reuters*

Saddam: Oust me, but don't bomb Iraq

BAGHDAD—Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said Friday he would rather be overthrown by the United States than see his country be the target of destructive air strikes, the official INA news agency reported.

"We give our support . . . to the option of overthrowing the regime—a civilized slogan—which is better than attacking, striking the population, harming it and destroying its resources," he said during a meeting with military officials marking the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha.

Responding to media reports that the US administration was plotting to overthrow his regime, Saddam said "these threats are not new and do not deserve a response."

"When they (the United States) talk of an aggression, they carry one out against us every day," he said, in a reference to the overflight by US and British planes of the two no-fly zones set up in northern and southern Iraq after the 1991 Gulf war.

"But when they discuss their new civilized slogan, they may find support for it . . . They might even find support from within the (Iraqi) leadership, including from Saddam Hussein himself," he added sarcastically.

US President George W. Bush has branded Iraq part of an "axis of evil" and threatened to take unspecified action against Baghdad unless it lets UN arms inspectors back into the country to check if it no longer has weapons of mass destruction. *AFP*

Bugs Bunny animator Chuck Jones dies at 89

LOS ANGELES—Chuck Jones, the Oscar-winning animator who helped bring Bugs Bunny, Porky Pig and Daffy Duck to life and personally created Wile E. Coyote and his fruitless hunt for the Road Runner, died on Friday of congestive heart failure at age 89, his family said.

He ranked among Hollywood's greatest film animators and his achievements in the bop, bam and boom world of film cartoons often was compared to Walt Disney's.

His wife of 20 years, Marian, was at his side when he died at their home in the Southern California town of Corona del Mar, a statement from his family said.

Jones made more than 300 animated films, winning three Oscars as a director and was presented in 1996 with an honorary Oscar for lifetime achievement.

During the 1930s and 1940s—affectionately called the Golden Age of animation—Jones helped bring to life many of Warner Bros. most famous characters in the so-called Looney Tunes series, including Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Elmer Fudd and Porky Pig.

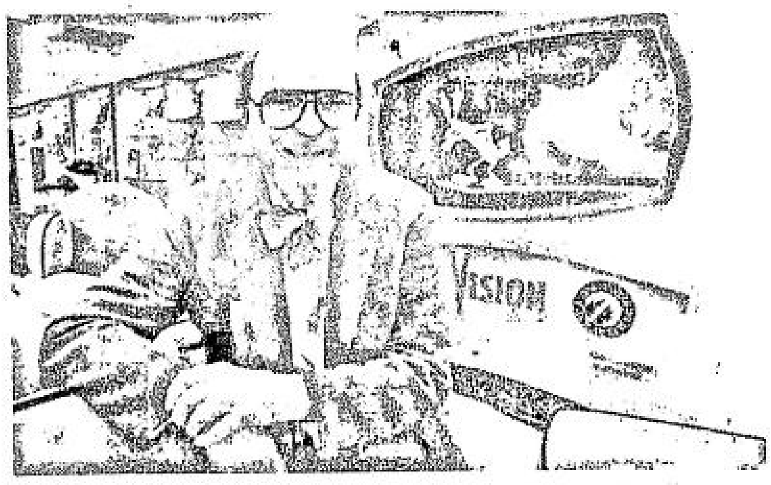
The list of characters he created himself included Road Runner, Wile E. Coyote, Marvin Martian, Pepe le Pew, Michigan J. Frog and many others.

He also produced, directed and wrote the screenplays for "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," a television classic, and the feature-length film "The Phantom Tollbooth."

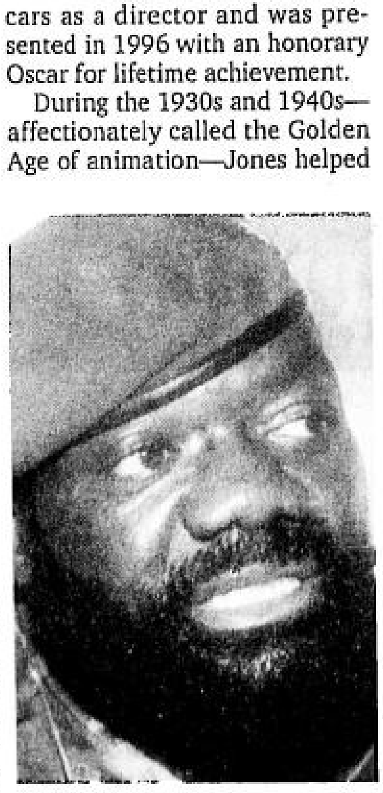
Born Sept. 21, 1912, in Spokane, Washington, Jones grew up in Hollywood where he worked occasionally as a child extra in silent-film comedies. After attending art school, Jones landed his first job in animation working for a former Disney animator, Ubbe Iwerks.

In 1936, Jones became an animator for the Leon Schlesinger Studio, which later was sold to Warner Bros., and in 1938 directed his first film, "The Night Watchman." Heading his own unit, Jones remained at Warner Bros. animation department until it closed in 1962.

During that time, he and several other directors developed such beloved characters as Bugs Bunny, Porky Pig and Daffy Duck. He moved to MGM Studios, where he created new episodes from the "Tom and Jerry" cartoon series. While there, Jones directed the Academy Award-winning film, "The Dot and the Line." *Reuters*



ANIMATOR Chuck Jones poses at the Warner Bros. Studio store in New York in this Oct. 26, 1993 file photo. AP



SAVIMBI

Rebel leader in Africa's longest war killed

JOHANNESBURG—The Angolan government's announcement that rebel leader Jonas Savimbi had died in battle could leave a Unita movement weakened, but still able to prolong Africa's longest-running war, diplomats and analysts said.

"The government of the Republic of Angola would like to inform the national and international public of the death of Jonas Malheiro Savimbi," it said on Friday.

Analysts said Savimbi's reported death in fighting with government soldiers in the eastern border region of Moxico, if confirmed, would initially deal a severe blow to the morale of his Unita guerrilla Army.

Angolans have known little but war since the southwest African country gained independence from Portugal in 1975, sparking a conflict interrupted only briefly by shaky peace agreements.

But notes of caution were still sounded.

There was no official reaction, from Unita (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola). An unofficial Unita contact in Lisbon, Rui Oliveira, said: "We are waiting for our forces in the interior to get in contact with us, only after that can we talk."

One skeptic in Luanda said rumors of Savimbi's death had been reported many times before.

"I've heard much rubbish spoken in the past about the death of Savimbi," he said.

Diplomats said Savimbi could have been cornered by government troops while trying to cross from his oil-and diamond-rich country into neighboring Zambia.

The Angolan Army said in a statement on Friday that military operations in Moxico province "resulted in the death of a number of Unita members, including Jonas Savimbi himself."

The last power-sharing deal, known as the Lusaka Protocol, was signed in 1994 and collapsed four years later when the government attacked Unita, accusing Savimbi of breaking the UN-brokered deal.

Unita, formed by Savimbi in 1966, was badly weakened by government offensives in recent years, but analysts said it remained a experienced fighting force and could still create havoc across the nation. *Reuters*

Sri Lanka ceasefire stirs hopes for peace

VAVUNIYA, Sri Lanka—Sri Lanka's government and separatist rebels signed a ceasefire deal Friday, renewing hopes for peace in a ravaged tropical paradise where 65,000 people have been killed in 18 years of terrorism and government retaliation.

The sunny island off India's southern tip has been ripped apart by one of the world's worst terrorist campaigns. The rebels have been fighting since 1983 for a separate country in the north and east for minority Tamils, who are mostly Hindu. They say they cannot prosper among the majority Sinhalese, whose faith, Buddhism, is the state religion.

There were no face-to-face talks leading up the deal, which was arranged through Norwegian mediators. The signing, likewise, was done separately with mediators ferrying the ceasefire documents first to Vanni, the rebels' jungle headquarters in the north, then to Vavuniya, a government-held town nearby.

White flags

In a gesture of good will, rebels planted white flags at a military checkpoint where Prime Minister Ranil Wickreme-singhe was visiting Friday. Tamils presented him with gifts of a shawl and rice, a traditional symbol of prosperity.

"I have a strong belief that our nation will have peace, but I am under no illusion that achieving it will be easy," Wickremesinghe told soldiers in Vavuniya.

It was not possible to get comment from notoriously secretive Tamil Tiger leaders.

They operate primarily out of rebel-held jungles deep in the north and east and out of London, where their chief negotiator lives.

Public reaction was muted. Sri Lankans, who saw an earlier ceasefire evaporate in 1995, gathered to watch television at tea shops and liquor stores. There was no visible celebrating as people waited to see what would happen after the ceasefire takes effect on Saturday.

Paradise lost

If the agreement holds, all aerial attacks, military raids, ambushes and assassinations would end.

With its feathery palms and fat papayas, this island nation appears to be a tropical paradise. Yet separatist war has left hundreds of thousands dead or maimed in suicide bombings—the rebels' weapon of choice.

Described as the most feared guerrillas in the world, the Tamil Tigers—or LTTE—have killed one prime minister, one president, scores of government ministers and military officials. President Chandrika Kumaratunga was blinded in the right eye in an assassination attempt in 1999 during the presidential election campaign. *AP*

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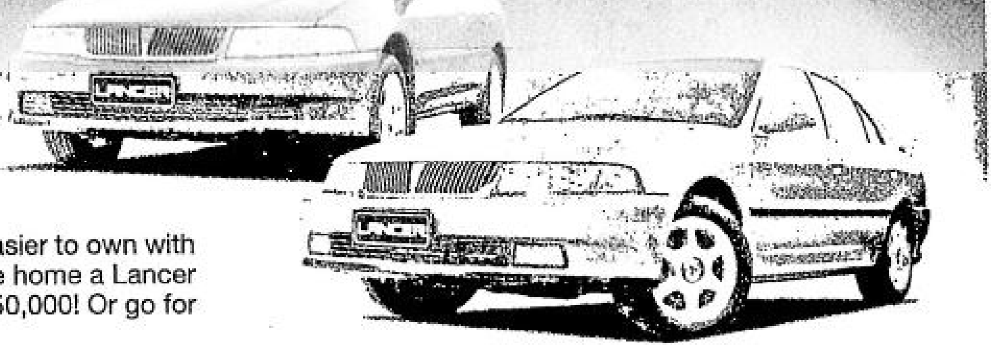

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Boy Scouts unsafe in jamboree site

By Mei Magsino
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BATANGAS CITY—Boy scouts should really better be prepared for anything anytime. Some 5,000 of them are facing vintage bombs and landmines still buried under the grounds of the Batangas Provincial Sports Complex, the site of the 13th Batangas Provincial Boy Scout Jamboree in Barangay Bolbok, this city, from Feb. 23 to Feb. 27

"The sports complex is still not safe for an event as big as the provincial boy scouts' jamboree," Batangas City police chief Supt. Restituto Hernandez said, "and I have warned the organizers many times about that."

A bomb disposal team from the Philippine National Police Maritime Group in Camp Crame, Quezon City, led by Sr. Insp. Aniceto Malapitan of the 401st Maritime Police has been in the city since Feb. 18.

It has 12 K-9 sniffing dogs to clear the sports complex of World War II bombs buried in the area by the American forces that liberated the city from the Japanese Army in 1944.

The bomb disposal team found at least 52 of those bombs on Thursday and turned these over to the Fire and Explosives Office in Camp Crame.

The first batch of the bombs was dug up accidentally by workers last year when the construction of the sports complex started.

Police then recovered at least 12 mortar ammunitions and landmines they found to be weight and heat sensitive.

Hernandez said the bombs are very sensitive that they would blow when stomped with 50 pounds of weight or exposed to heat.

The bombs could blow an entire two-story building and everything within 20 feet of the explosion radius.

Hernandez said the bombs found last year were immediately placed in a bucket of cold water after police found them to keep off the heat and prevent explosion.

The bombs were then thrown into the sea, according to Hernandez.

Boy Scouts of the Philippines Batangas Chapter president and Batangas City Mayor Eduardo Dimacuha said the provincial boy scouts jamboree, which will be held in the sports complex, would expose the participants in danger.

"If I were the organizers, the event should not be held at the provincial sports complex as there might still be bombs in there," Dimacuha said. "Holding the jamboree there would put the safety of the boy scouts at risk."

But he could not do anything, he said, as the jamboree is a provincial affair and not within his jurisdiction.

PNP Batangas provincial director Rolando Lorenzo, however,

said the police force and the bomb disposal team are clearing the area for the boy scouts jamboree.

"We are making sure all the bombs buried in the area will be recovered to ensure the safety of the boy scouts," Lorenzo said.

At present, more than 20 police officers are guarding the site.

Police have prohibited the scouts from going anywhere, except in their tents and platforms.

The P200-million provincial sports complex started construction in August last year at the site of the former Batangas City Veterinary Office.

The first phase of the construction of the 14.7-hectare sports complex was finished last January after the completion of its grandstand.

Cory urges Davaoeños to support Gloria

FORMER President Cory Aquino, center, leads Davao City officials, from left, Fr. Pete Lamata, Soleng Duterte, Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, Bishop Jimmy Afable, RDC XI chair lawyer Jesus Ayala and vice mayor Luis Bonguyan in commemorating the Edsa people power.

BING GONZALES

DAVAO CITY—"Game *na ba kayo para tulungan natin si* (Are you ready to help) *Pres. Arroyo para maiahon ang bansa sa kahirapan* (liberate the country from poverty)?" former President Corazon Aquino asked an audience of 2,000 here who attended the Inter-Faith Prayer Service on Friday at the Rizal Park.

It was held in commemoration of the 16th anniversary of the 1986 people power uprising.

The former President urged Davaoeños not to be literally like Ninoy Aquino (her husband and a former senator) who had to die for the country, but a simple assurance that each will do good for their fellowmen.

Mayor Rodrigo Duterte said the People Power celebration was to remind the younger generation of how their parents and grandparents struggled for independence from dictatorship.

Duterte said the event was worth celebrating to see where Filipinos stand now.

But he said peace talks with rebel groups should also be completed if only to unite both Muslims and Christians.

"We should seek for Divine Intervention to end all these problems in Mindanao," he said.

The affair was organized by the Yellow Friday Movement chaired by Soledad "Nanay Soleng" Duterte, the mayor's mother, who played a significant role during the People Power I. ***Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

12 hurt in anti-media repression rally dispersal

By Franklin Caliguid
PDI Mindanao Bureau

BUTUAN CITY—At least 12 people, including a police officer and a fireman, were injured after lawmen violently dispersed a protest against the perceived repression of media here by Mayor Daisy Plaza.

Violence erupted after firemen blasted the participants with water canons, while truncheon-wielding police officers attacked the protesters, who hurled stones and bottles at the lawmen.

Gunshots were also heard as the protesters were being dispersed.

Two members of the militant youth Anakbayan were beaten as they were being arrested. They were later released.

Supt.Felix Gonzales, city police chief, denied that authorities initiated the confrontation. He said they were observing the maximum tolerance policy during the rally, but that somebody provoked the violence.

But Gene Prisco, spokesperson of the party-list Bayan Muna-Caraga and convenor for multi-sectoral alliance Solidarity For Press Freedom-Butuan City, said they would file charges against antiriot police and Mayor Plaza's security forces for human rights violation and breach of the rules of engagement.

At least 10,000 militants, nuns, students, urban poor, locals, supporters of the weekly Newswatch newspaper and Bombo Radyo joined the rally staged in front of the City Hall here around 3 p.m. to protest Plaza's alleged moves to stifle press freedom.

Earlier, Plaza ordered the closure of Bombo Radyo for alleged violation of various city ordinances.

Prior to that, she shut down Cristal Press, printer of the Newswatch, for alleged printing of illegal gambling paraphernalia.

Cristal fought back by filing countercharges in court.

Both Newswatch and Bombo are critical of Plaza's administration.

Shouting "Pasirad-an ang Bombo" (Close down Bombo), Mayor Plaza earlier told her supporters during an anti-Bombo rally here that she will exhaust all efforts to "close down" her critics.

After the anti-Bombo rally, Plaza and her supporters trooped to the Regional Trial Court here to air their protest against Judge Victor Tomaning's decision granting Bombo Radyo a 20-day Temporary Restraining Order.

ABUSE OF STRENGTH

Man gets death penalty for killing 4-year-old boy

TACLOBAN CITY—Judge Santos Gil of the Regional Trial Court Branch 6 here on Thursday meted the death penalty on a 45-year-old man for killing a 4-year-old boy in August 1995.

In his 14-page decision, the judge said he decided to impose the death sentence on Fortunato Emnas because of "aggravating circumstances," primarily because the boy was killed in his own home and the suspect clearly abused his superior strength.

"The victim was helpless and armless (sic)(unarmed). He was of tender age. Yet accused used a bolo to kill the victim apart from accused own basic strength who in the year 1995 was 38 years old as compared to a 4-year-old boy, the victim," the judge said.

That the boy was killed in his own house made the crime graver. Gil quoted a Supreme Court ruling which said that "one's dwelling is a sanctuary worthy of respect and the one who slanders another in the latter's house is more guilty than he who offends him elsewhere."

The court also ordered Emnas to indemnify the heirs of the victim the sum of P50,000.

Court records showed that Emnas killed the boy by hacking him to death when he and his brother, Ronolfo, forcibly entered the victim's house in Sitio Batang Guti, Barangay Uban in Babatngon, Leyte, around 11 p.m. of Aug. 20, 1995.

Fortunato, according to the records, hacked to death the 4-year-old boy after the boy's father, Efren Hermano, refused to accept their challenge to a fight.

Hermano and his son were inside their house at the time of the incident.

The co-accused, Ronolfo, Fortunato's brother, pleaded guilty to the lesser offense of homicide. The brothers are now serving their sentence at the Abuyog, Leyte Penal Colony. ***Cynthia A. Borgueta, PDI Visayas Bureau***

Baguio celebrates Panagbenga

BAGUIO CITY—The country's summer capital greeted more than 100,000 tourists and residents with smiles, flowers and the familiar tune "Angelina" during the opening parade of the weeklong Panagbenga or the Baguio Flower Festival 2002 on Saturday.

The current hit 'Angelina' overshadowed the popularity of the Panagbenga theme created by Saint Louis University band director Macario Fronda.

At least 2,000 students in colorful flower costumes paraded down Session Road accompanied by drum and lyre bands.

The Panagbenga theme was first played by the SLU Band during a Baguio Day celebration for which Fronda, now in his late 70s, was commended by former Mayor Mauricio Domogan.

The second time it was played was at the Palarong Pambansa in Cagayan de Oro City as accompaniment to the marching athlete delegation from the Cordillera.

In time, the acknowledged father of Panagbenga, lawyer Damaso Bangaoet, sought Fronda and invited his group to play in the kickoff activity of the first Baguio Flower Festival in 1996.

In an earlier interview, Fronda said the piece was his "tribute to the Cordillera."

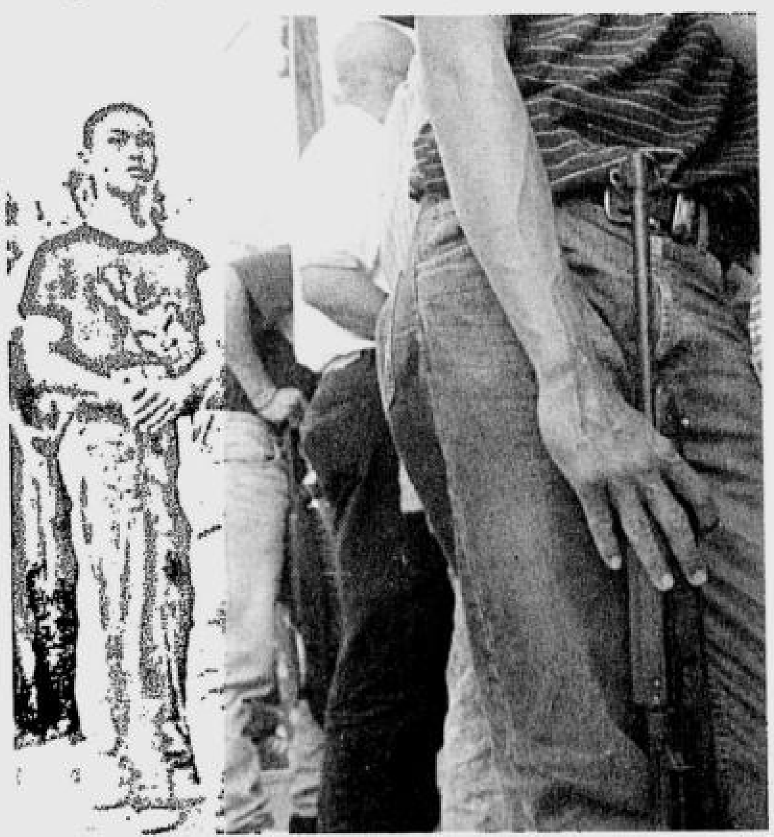
Fronda said he was inspired to compose the theme because he always liked the rhythm of the Cordillera gongs and so he made a melody "that depicted the contours of the mountain ranges."

"That is why the piece goes up and down," he said. He described his piece as pentatonic (good for five notes), allowing some additional passing notes in between that is typically Asian.

Residents and tourists started lining up along the route of the opening parade on Session and Harrison roads as early as noon. The parade started at 2 p.m. and ended at 5:30 p.m.

The street dancers were garbed in paper costumes fashioned as sunflowers, daisies and roses. Others wore masks, body paintings and Cordillera attires.

Policemen and ROTC cadets failed to control the crowd from occupying the parade lane. ***Reports from Robert Abaño, Dioanne Palao and Jo-ann Laguitao, Vida Curray, Jethsel Allego and Alma Grace Amay, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***



FORMER Moro National Liberation Front rebels surrender their firearms as they apply as regular army soldiers at the Armed Forces Southern Command in Zamboanga City.

VAL HANDUMON

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Bicol Region, Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms especially on the eastern section. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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Laoag	Partly Cloudy	HI 31° Lo 20°
Clark Zone	Partly Cloudy	HI 32° Lo 20°
Tagaytay	Partly Cloudy	HI 30° Lo 18°
Legazpi	Cloudy with Rains	HI 27° Lo 23°
Calapan	Partly Cloudy	HI 32° Lo 20°
Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy with Rains	HI 29° Lo 21°
Roxas	Cloudy with Rains	HI 27° Lo 25°
Cebu	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31° Lo 24°
Tacloban	Cloudy with Rains	HI 30° Lo 24°
Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains	HI 33° Lo 23°
Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains	HI 34° Lo 24°
Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31° Lo 23°
Davao	Cloudy with Rains	HI 32° Lo 24°

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ROUNDUP

Grenade blast kills 1

QUEZON, Nueva Vizcaya—A tricycle driver was killed while two others were injured on Tuesday when a grenade exploded in Barangay Darubba here. Police said Rene Julio, 23, was killed instantly when the grenade exploded as he was trying to remove a wooden plank laid across the bridge. His brother and passenger Roderick, 25, and Ernesto Macaboras, 36, who tailed Julio on another tricycle, suffered from shrapnel wounds. In Abra, two bombs planted in the car of an aide of Gov. Vicente Valera exploded in Bangued on Thursday. Police said Jolimar Trinidad, Valera's close-in security aide, escaped unhurt but his car was wrecked. ***Melvin Gascon and Nathan Alcantara, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

Cop kills fellow cop

AGLIPAY, Quirino—A policeman and his brother were shot and killed allegedly by another policeman and his brother in Barangay Ligaya here on Tuesday. Supt. Alfredo Teodoro, Quirino police director, identified the victims as PO3 John Castillo, 37, assigned at the provincial internal affairs service here, and his brother Pablo, 28, a government employee. Teodoro identified the suspects as PO3 Eduardo Batino, 37, PO3 Castillo's landlord assigned at the San Juan town police in Abra, and his brother Rey, 39, a former security guard. Before the shooting, PO3 Batino castigated PO3 Castillo for allowing his friends to have a drinking spree in his room, reports said.

Melvin Gascon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Old inmate dies in jail

CALAUAG, Quezon—Police said that 92-year-old Perfecto Pedregoza, an inmate at the Calauag municipal jail here might have died of old age inside his cell. Held for a rape charge, Pedregoza was found dead Wednesday evening when fellow inmates were trying to wake him up for supper. Police said the victim was sickly.

Delfin T. Mallari Jr. PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Mindoro seeks scholars

CALAPAN CITY—The Oriental Mindoro government is looking for 15 qualified youth scholars from poor families to join the Provincial Scholarship Program for 2002. Benefits include P8,000 per semester for tuition, P1,000 book allowance and P1,000 monthly allowance. Scholarships are open in the fields of elementary education, agriculture, agribusiness, agro-forestry, computer engineering, computer science, secondary education, fisheries, hotel and restaurant management, tourism and others. Deadline for submission of requirements is March 27.

Donna Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Computer education

PILI, Camarines Sur—The provincial government has opened its computer education program to interested individuals at subsidized fees. Gov. Luis R. Villafuerte said the provincial government, is offering two-year IT courses at half the rate. Villafuerte said the students will pay about P6,200 per semester which, he said, is half of the total average fees a student pays in commercial technical schools in the province.

Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

15 forest violators charged

LEGAZPI CITY—The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has filed 15 cases in court against persons who have violated forestry laws and regulations. DENR regional executive director Oscar M. Hamada said the move was a result of DENR's continuous protection of the region's 130,340 hectares of forestland from poaching. This effort also resulted in the confiscation of 264 cubic meters of illegally cut fitches/lumber and nine conveyances used in the illegal trade.

Mei Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Balikbayans support GMA

SAN PABLO CITY—Some 74 officers and members of Seven Lakes International from the United States and Canada who are natives of this city have expressed confidence in and support for the economic development efforts of President Macapagal-Arroyo. Save the Seven Lakes Movement convenor Msgr. Jerry Bitoon said the *balikbayans* have expressed to the President their organization's plan to support the economic-tourism projects of the government during their visit in Malacañang on Thursday.

Romulo O. Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Tiwi plant rehab

TIWI, Albay—The National Power Corp. and the Philippine Geothermal Inc. will soon start the rehabilitation of the Tiwi Geothermal Power Plant to restore its 330-megawatt capacity. Edgar Sevilla, PGI official, said four of the six generating units damaged by over 20 years of operation will be rehabilitated. Reynaldo Santiago, Napocor vice president, said the plant rehabilitation and upgrading will cost $90 million to be funded by a loan from the Japan Bank of International Cooperation. Some villagers, however, oppose the plan saying the facilities pose a threat to their health and lives.

Job Belen, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

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Shiela Mar dreamt and died hungry

By Dennis Jay C. Santos
Davao City

POVERTY is not really a suffering in this world, it's a sharpening of the senses and a condition of grace, novelist Ernest Hemingway once said.

That was what poverty to accounting student Shiela Mar Celerinos, 20, who aspired for a better life, not for herself but for her family.

She dreamt of working abroad after graduation to fulfill a promise to her father that she will one day uplift her family's condition.

So consummated to her hopes was she that she virtually shied away from the usual peer invitations to have fun, and instead confined herself religiously studying.

It was a difficult life for Shiela, being the eldest daughter of two siblings of Nerio and Ingracia Celerino. The family depends only on her father, a "manangiti" (coconut wine gatherer).

Shiela went daily to school from morning to late afternoon with pocket money just enough for her jeepney fare. With the usual three packs of soda crackers, which was her lunch, she ate inside the secluded room F2M at the University of Mindanao.

She had become a loner, most common among the have-nots. She was really focused on finishing school and landing a good job, preferably abroad.

"I had hoped that she would one day help us (family)," Nong Nerio, her father, said.

She was a candidate for cum laude and was supposed to graduate this October.

"Her grades were quite high and we were just waiting for the evaluation for her to be qualified (to graduate) cum laude," Dr. Paquita Gavino, executive vice president for academic affairs, said.

She was also good in high school.

Michelle Monreal, a classmate at the Daniel R. Aguinaldo High School, said Shiela was known to be an exemplary student.

"We are amazed each time she recited. All of us listened to her talk. She was full of rich ideas despite her being a shy person," Monreal said.

Dexter Gantuangco, also a high school classmate, remembers her as very intelligent and helpful in the class assignments.

"She was really different, and very helpful," he said.

Gigie Tabague, a college classmate, said although Shiela was not active in any school organization, she did very well in class.

Christina Jalad, a college professor, remembers Shiela as "soft spoken."

STUDENTS light candles during a prayer-rally Jan. 28 that demanded justice for Shiela Mar. R. LIM

"She was really fond of studying and was consistent with her studies," she said.

But Shiela was robbed of her dream by a still unidentified assailant who shot her with a .38-caliber pistol inside room F2M on Jan. 24.

A bullet hit her back trunk and remained embedded in her chest.

Chief Insp. Leonard Felonia, San Pedro police station chief said the investigation has been a difficult one as there were no witnesses.

"It's even difficult to establish the motive of the suspect, knowing Shiela's untarnished reputation," Felonia said.

Based on how she fell on the floor, police theorized that Shiela could have been sleeping in her chair, and shot without ever seeing the face of her executioner.

Dr. Tomas Dimaandal, medico-legal officer of Philippine Crime Laboratory of the Philippine National Police, said Sheila died of massive hemorrhage.

Felonia also theorized that it could be an "accidental firing," since she was shot from the back and at close range, which, he said, was not a logical thing to do for a killer.

"We can't be sure yet if the assailant was a student or an outsider," he said.

SPO1 Melane Mon, homicide investigator of the San Pedro Police station, said the investigation was "going to take a long time."

"We may have some suspects but there are no substantial evidence and no witnesses," Mon said.

The National Bureau of Investigation and the Criminal Intelligence and Detective Group have also helped in the investigation.

University of Mindanao President Dolores Torres even raised a P100,000-bounty for anyone who can provide information on the identity of the suspect.

Room F2M

Room F2M was Shiela's favorite room. It was where she stayed during lunch break as she waited for her next class.

Dimaandal described Shiela as lanky and small. The autopsy report showed that a half glass of a semi-digested creamy substance was found inside her stomach.

"She has just eaten some soda crackers, probably her lunch, when she was shot dead," Dimaandal said.

Shiela dreamt. She died hungry.

Murder of a gentle mammal

By Ramon Jorge Sarabosing
Butuan City

WHEN news broke out that a dugong was found dead in Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur, on Dec. 14 it didn't end up in newspapers or radio. But for Rowan Byrne of the Volunteer Services Overseas and a marine and freshwater biologist, and for the Dugong Conservation, a local support group, it was a heartbreaking development.

Four months earlier, a baby dugong was found dead accidentally trapped in the fish coral.

"This is alarming. This has to stop or there will be no dugongs left in the country," warns Byrne, who for almost a year now has been monitoring the presence of dugongs around Hinatuan Bay (read "Hope Flickers for the Dugongs, PDI, October 2001).

The dead dugong, about 200 to 300 kilos, was a male and estimated to be 10 years old. It was found floating upside down inside a fish coral, its abdomen severely bloated and scarred. It had fish net markings and scars all over its dorsal surface (back) and up to six slashes behind its head and upper dorsal region. This could have come only from the hands of a man.

Three slashes were about one to 12-inch deep, penetrating into the flesh. Blood flow could be seen three to four inches behind the eyes. Remains of the blood flow from the right nostril suggest cranium hemorrhage caused by severe blows in the head.

Byrne believes somebody tried to hurt and then killed the dugong with a heavy pounding instrument.

"No dugong will immediately die when it enters a fish coral as it is spacious enough to last him for a few hours, but the incisions and cuts it received suggest he has been intentionally brutalized," Byrne said.

Whether the dugong was hit before it entered the fish corral or right inside it, no one can exactly tell.

One aspect that also needs consideration is that the mammal appeared bloated, an indication of a result of dynamite or cyanide fishing activity.

"However you look at it, man had a part in this tragic incident," said Bryne.

The dugong was brought to nearby Mahaba Island. Concerned villagers immediately contacted the Center for Empowerment and Research Development (CERD).

Gary Cacho, a CERD staff, and some villagers lost no time investigating and documenting the incident. There was commotion, with some of the men suggesting that it be butchered to pieces and distributed (for Christmas meal) but majority said no, demanding the dugong to be given a decent burial.

The majority won. "I'm proud of the villagers. They passionately cared about the dugong. They know it has a vital role in their (people) survival," Byrne said.

Gluce Jayma, head of Dugong Conservation based in Butuan City, said it was high time that authorities in the regional and national level, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in particular, act now.

"The DENR staff said they have heard of dugong sightings in Hinatuan, that they have heard of Mr. Byrne's research work but they have never done anything about it, not even bothering to offer partnership assistance or coordination," Jayma said.

Jayma said the Dugong Conservation would assist Byrne and the fisherfolk of Hinatuan Bay through education and information dissemination.

"We believe the local folk, both in Hinatuan and Caraga Region, will be responsible for the protection and survival of the dugong."

Both Jayma and Byrne believe the gentle mammal is a national treasure.

"It is nature's gift to the Filipino people," Byrne said.

He, however, is confident that local support is on his side.

No less than the mayor of Hinatuan, Dr. Alicia Momongan, showed a deep concern about the dugongs and the numerous species of sea turtles sighted in the area.

"It's a tremendous help to have an environmentalist local executive because things will easily move forward," Byrne said.

The fishers, too, are also a source of hope for Byrne as they never fail to report any sighting.

"I would say 70 percent of the population in the coastal areas and island villages know that they can benefit from the presence of the dugong and that is a positive sign because it will give the dugongs a chance to live," Byrne said.

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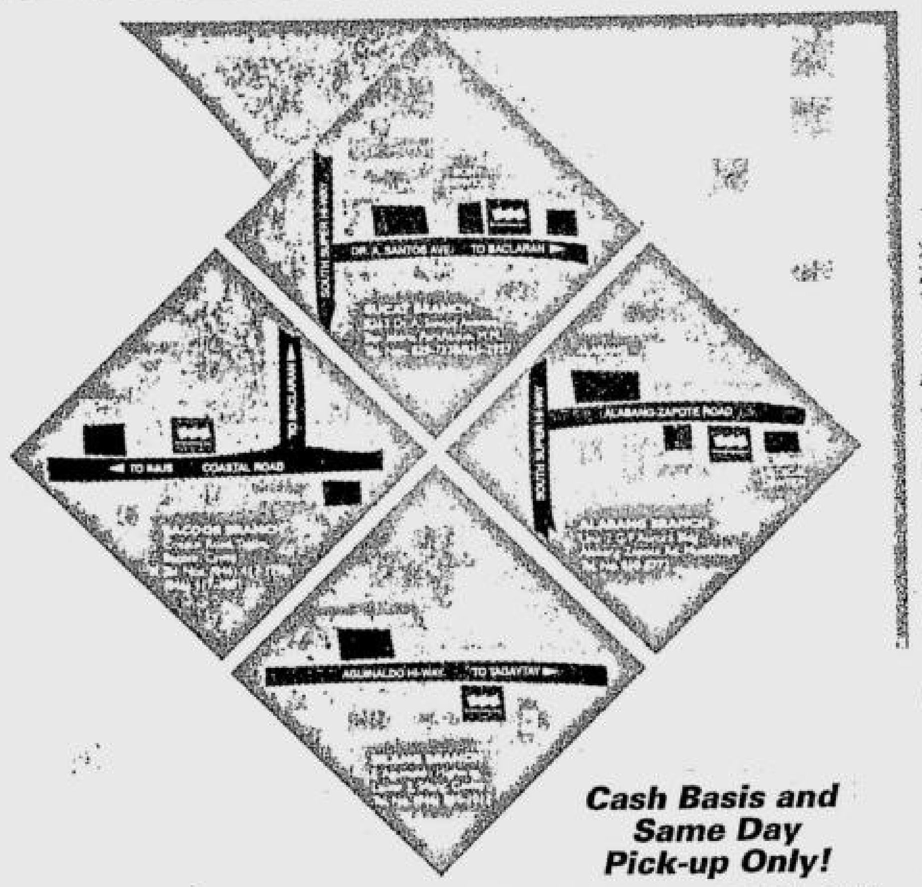

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Letter caused challenge to GMA's legitimacy

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days to clear out.

De Villa asked why five days and "why can't he leave by 6 a.m.?" Angara said the reason was that (Armed Forces chief of staff Angelo) Reyes had promised a five-day transition, in which the President would hand over the presidency to Macapagal-Arroyo. The President could not be pushed to leave the Palace earlier. The opposition was suspicious. "What if the President organizes a counterattack in five days?" De Villa said. Angara replied the President did not have that capability, following the defection of the military and the police.

Romulo was getting impatient. "My mandate is for you to leave by 6 a.m.," he said, "otherwise . . . I cannot come back here anymore." Crispin Remulla, Estrada's legal adviser, said, if the President were pushed, he "will commit hara-kiri."

Angara emphasized two points: Safe passage for the President and his families, and the opening of the second envelope.

Perez asked why it was not opened during the trial. Angara said it was the lawyers' decision. De Villa rejected the opening of the envelope and Perez said the impeachment trial was over.

The meeting ended at 2:20 a.m. They agreed to meet again at 6 a.m., after De Villa told Angara that a 7 a.m. resumption "may be too late, since Malacañang will be attacked at 6 a.m."

At 2:30 a.m., Angara reported to Estrada the results of the negotiations. The President insisted on his five-day grace period and the opening of the envelope to "clear his name."

It was at this point that the President was showing exhaustion and his morale appeared to have sunk to its lowest. He said, "*Pagod na pagod na ako. Ayoko na . . . masyado nang masakit. Pagod na ako sa red tape, bureaucracy, intriga.* (I am so very tired. No more. It hurts too much. I'm tired of the red tape, bureaucracy and intrigues.) I just want to clear my name, then I'll go."

This statement acquired historical significance after it provided one of the important grounds for the Supreme Court decision in March, holding that Macapagal-Arroyo was not an acting president.

Sneaky letter

Although Angara headed the President's negotiating panel, he was not in complete control as other Palace aides were apparently undermining the negotiations. During that meeting, where (Sen. Juan Ponce) Enrile was also present, Remulla produced from out of the blue a draft addressed to the Senate President and the Speaker of the House, stating that the President was "unable to discharge the powers and duties" of his office and that he was designating Vice President Macapagal-Arroyo as "acting president."

Remulla said the letter would allow Estrada to enjoy presidential immunity from suits and to resume the presidency. Angara angrily opposed it.

Angara was upset over two things: the letter was sneaked behind his back while he was negotiating, and he did not like the proposal. He said it could prolong the crisis and could be seen as a sign of bad faith and hanging on to the presidency. Backing Angara, Angelito Banayo, Estrada's political adviser, said the document was ill-advised. Angara and Banayo advised the President against signing the document.

In the midst of the heated arguments, Angara stepped out, hoping that the President would not heed Remulla. Macel Fernandez, Angara's chief of staff, said she noticed Remulla talk to the President and Enrile several times, trying to persuade him to sign the letter. Enrile left at 4 a.m.

Several drafts

Within two hours—from 4 a.m. to 6 a.m.—several draft documents were prepared. These were (1) a draft resignation letter prepared by the opposition; (2) five negotiating points prepared by Angara; (3) draft negotiating points prepared by the opposition; (4) five points agreed upon by Angara and General Reyes; (5) a four-point draft agreement between the two parties, together with a draft resignation letter to be signed by the President, along the lines of the draft agreement between Angara and Reyes.

Intent to resign

The most important element of these drafts is that they contained explicit declarations of the President's intention to resign. The first draft of negotiating points prepared by Angara stated that the transition would take place on Jan. 24, at which time Estrada "will turn over the presidency" to Macapagal-Arroyo. In return, Estrada and his families "are guaranteed security and safety of their person and property throughout their natural lifetimes" and "are guaranteed freedom from persecution and retaliation from government and the private sector throughout their natural lifetimes."

The commitment is to be guaranteed by the AFP. During the transition period, the AFP and PNP (national police) "shall function under" Vice President Macapagal-Arroyo.

The United Opposition's negotiating points stated that Estrada "shall sign a resignation document within the day" (Jan. 20), on which day the Vice President would assume the presidency. It agreed with the Angara proposal transferring control of the AFP and PNP to the Vice President.

The five points agreed upon by Angara and Reyes stated that the President "shall resign" on Jan. 20, with the resignation to be effective on Jan. 24. This was modified by another draft, which deleted the resignation statement. Instead it said that the "transition process" would "commence" on Jan. 20. But there was a condition: the Vice President would issue a public statement (Annex "B" of the document), saying that "I take this singular opportunity to commend (President Estrada) for his rare display of statesmanship in effecting a peaceful transition."

The document acknowledged that Estrada "has shown steadfast adherence to the Constitution and its processes, with the highest consideration for the national interest" and states that "I salute him and wish that may the true patriot who brought peace to our country in this transition find peace for himself."

This document, with the annex, was signed by Angara and members of his panel, and was to be faxed to De Villa's panel.

In fact, a draft letter to be sent to Pimentel and Fuentebella (then House Speaker) categorically stated, "I hereby tender my resignation as president of the Republic effective Jan. 24, 2001 in the name of national unity and in order to effect a peaceful transition of power amidst divisive political unrest."

Bad faith

At 6 a.m., De Villa phoned Angara and said he would arrive at the Palace at 7 a.m., but that he wanted Angara to know that "somebody tried to arrange for Gloria's oath-taking at noontime." De Villa said he did not know about this, and "I got mad because it smacks of bad faith in our negotiations. I told them that if they proceeded with the oath, I would resign from the panel."

At 7:30 a.m., De Villa, Romulo, and Renato Corona, a vice-presidential adviser, arrived at the Palace. They discussed the drafts, especially that containing the five negotiating points, and the inputs from telephone talks with Reyes, De Villa and (Finance) Secretary (Jose) Pardo, who had been receiving feedback from the groups of ex-President (Corazon) Aquino and ex-President (Fidel) Ramos. The second round of talks ended at 9:30 a.m., with the issue of resignation still hanging fire. The documents were awaiting affirmation from the opposition.

Contradictory

Without Angara's knowledge, Remulla had sent the letter, already signed by Estrada, to Pimentel and Fuentebella at 8:30 a.m. designating Macapagal-Arroyo as "acting president." The letter was sent out while the second round of talks was under way. This document illustrated, first, that the Palace officials were moving separately toward contradictory directions; and, second, that it was an act of bad faith, since it was sent out in the midst of the negotiations. Worst of all, this document threw a spanner in the works.

This letter was the fountainhead of the subsequent legal and violent challenges to the legitimacy of the Macapagal-Arroyo accession because it created a constitutional ambiguity over transition. It planted the seeds of conflict that was to plague the successor government.

At 11:20 a.m., Angara was set to fax to Reyes and Pimentel the agreement signed by his panel. Then Reyes phoned to say the Supreme Court had decided to swear in Macapagal-Arroyo at 12 noon.

Angara told Reyes, "What happens to the agreement?" Reyes said it was all over. Angara said the transition provision had become moot. Angara had the first paragraph containing the proviso for resignation deleted. This explains why the amended draft, which now contained four instead of five points, was silent on resignation.

The amended document, without the resignation proviso, was faxed to Pimentel and Reyes. It is not clear whether it reached De Villa's panel.

Angara then told the President the Chief Justice would swear in Macapagal-Arroyo at 12 noon. "He was too stunned for words," Angara said.

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Edsa Rites: Leave politics at home

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tions of the first People Power uprising tomorrow at the historic Edsa Shrine.

The shrine, the site of two popular uprisings in 1986 and 2001, will remain closed to political activities but will open its doors to various religions for an interfaith prayer service for peace beginning at 3 p.m. on Monday.

"We welcome all people to the Edsa Shrine, including people of different religions—whether rich or poor—so long as their purpose is to pray for peace," said Bishop Socrates B. Villegas, the shrine's rector and the auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Manila.

The Edsa Shrine has adopted the theme "Pagkakaisa para sa Kapayapaan" (Unity for Peace) for this year's commemoration.

It will be the first such prayer meeting to be held at the shrine, Villegas said in a statement.

The Edsa Commission, which oversees the celebrations for both Edsa I and II, earlier announced that unlike in previous years there would be no massive political gathering of the Edsa veterans at the shrine this year in deference to the Church's wish that the shrine no longer be used as a political venue.

Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin has ordered the shrine closed to rallies and political gatherings, saying it is primarily a place for prayer and meditation.

Much of the activities to commemorate the first 1986 people power uprising will center on the Edsa Chapel and the People Power Monument at the corner of Edsa and Ortigas Ave.

The move to have the celebrations this year shorn of all political flavor was sparked by Estrada loyalists' "desecration" of the shrine in a series of protest rallies that climaxed in the bloody Labor Day siege of Malacañang last May.

Threats of political action from supporters of jailed ex-President Joseph Estrada and a countermove from anti-Estrada groups also severely limited the celebrations of the first anniversary last January of the second Edsa people power uprising that brought President Macapagal-Arroyo to power.

In contrast to the simple rites for Edsa II, Malacañang has prepared a daylong program for Monday, to be marked by a speech by the President, which was not the case last January. A fireworks display has also been planned.

But again in deference to worried Church officials, the program will be held at the People Power Monument. Only the 9 a.m. Mass, to be officiated by Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin, will be held at the Edsa Shrine.

Flag-raising

The President will kick off the celebrations by leading the flag-raising ceremony at the People Power Monument at 7:45 a.m. tomorrow.

Ms Macapagal will then visit residents of the Food Terminal Inc. in Taguig.

She will return to the People Power Monument to deliver a speech before an audience of government officials and the diplomatic corps.

Those who cannot make it to Edsa for the celebrations can log onto the Malacañang website, www.gov.ph.

The groups that have accepted the invitation for the interfaith prayer for peace for the country and the whole world include Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jews, Muslims and Protestants, Villegas said.

After the common opening prayer, the religious representatives and their followers will gather in designated rooms of the shrine to pray according to their respective religious traditions.

They will again gather for the common final prayer at the Holy Ground marker by the corner of Edsa and Ortigas Ave.

A vigil Mass to our Lady of Edsa will also be held at the shrine at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

It will be followed by a penitentiary for peace and a barrio fiesta on the Ortigas sidewalk.

Opposition Rep. Agapito "Butz" Aquino, one of the Edsa I stalwarts, announced yesterday that he and the August Twenty-One Movement that he leads would join the 16th anniversary celebrations tomorrow, after having ignored the anniversary rites since 1990.

Aquino, a brother of martyred hero Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr., said he has been invited to join a relay that will carry the torch of freedom from the Ninoy Aquino monument on Paseo de Roxas in Makati to the Edsa Shrine.

Running priest Fr. Robert Reyes will run the final leg of the relay.

Aquino's participation was apparently a conciliatory gesture from the opposition following the recent meeting between the President and members of the former Reform the Armed Forces Movement, which included opposition Sen. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan.

"We in the opposition are making moves for reconciliation and political stability because this is what the country needs today. Eventually, we will all be together," said Aquino.

He said the opposition was "waiting for the administration to signal that it also wants peace and stability."

Asked what kind of measures would be acceptable, Aquino said: "The first very significant gesture is maybe (for the government) to support the appeal to have (deposed) President Erap's medical treatment done abroad without having to comman the Sandiganbayan."

He said this could be done by the government not blocking the motion of Estrada's lawyers asking the court to allow him to have surgery on his damaged knees in the United States .

Aquino is one of the leading proponents of House Resolution No. 437 which is appealing to the "concerned authorities through proper channels" to allow Estrada to leave for humanitarian reasons.

The resolution has been signed by 136 of the 215 members of the House and is expected to be adopted at the plenary session next week.

Maguindanao Rep. Didagen Dilangalen and Palawan Rep. Abraham Mitra, the principal authors, have said they expect Speaker Jose de Venecia to defend the resolution and "do something about it".

Aquino had said he would resign his congressional seat if Estrada, once allowed to leave, did not return to face plunder charges.

Administration congressmen who signed the House resolution invoked the political dividends that would result if Estrada were to be allowed to leave for abroad.

Deputy Speaker Raul Gonzales and Representatives Antonio Nachura and Prospero Nograles said this would contribute to the healing process that the country needs at this time. ***With a report from Juliet Labog-Javellana***

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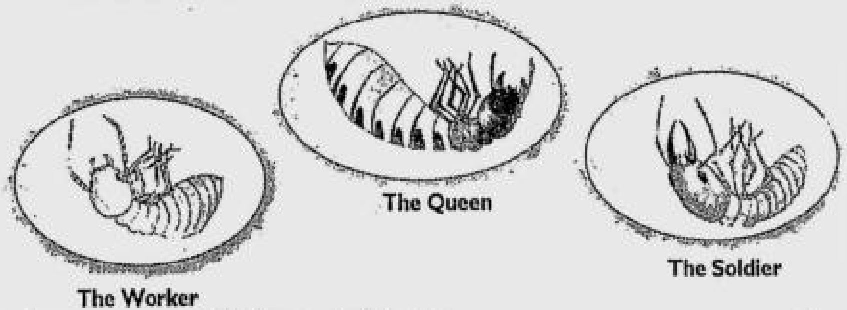

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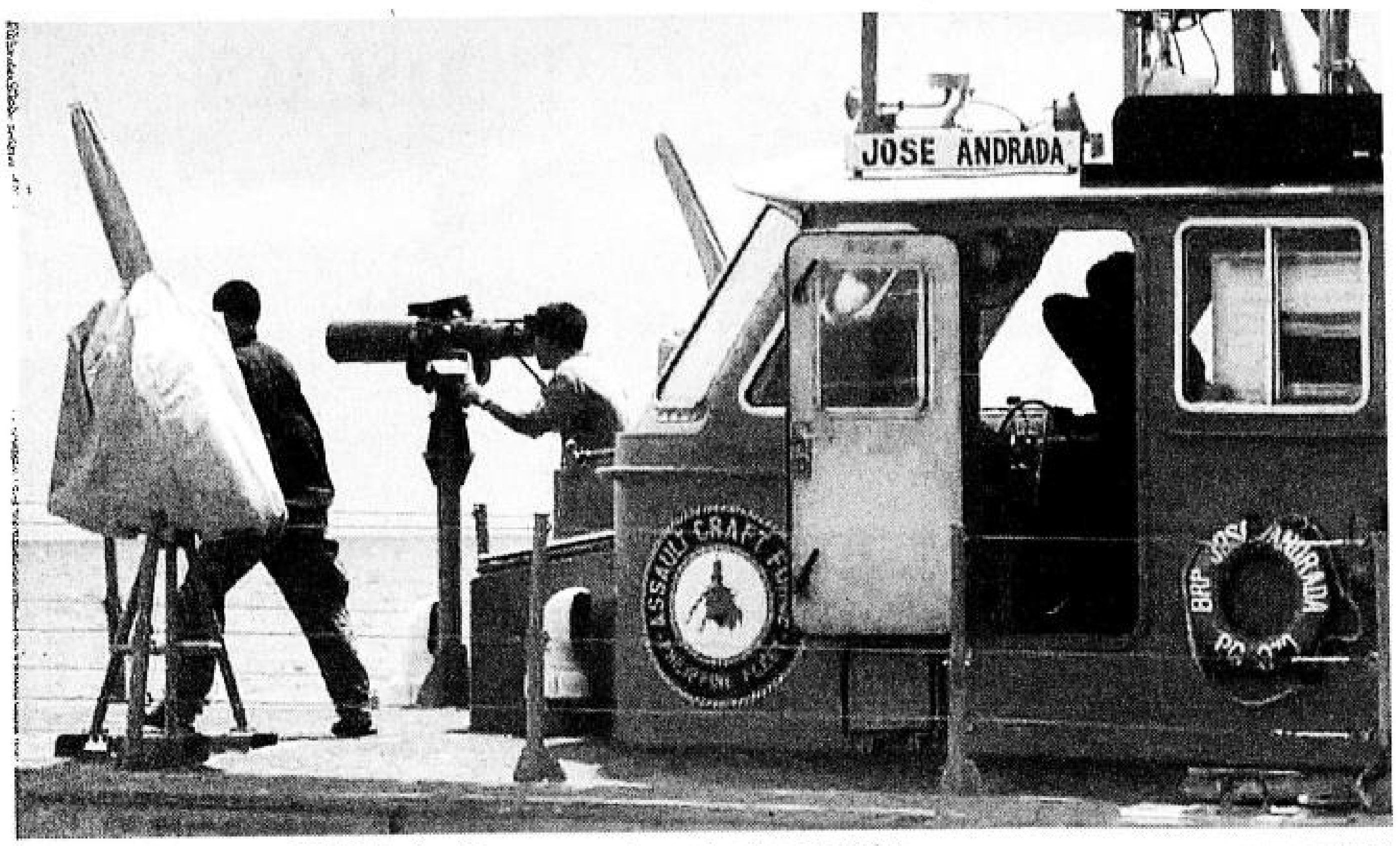

THE SEARCH goes on with Philippine Navy personnel scouring the crash site.

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RESCUE team member keeps in touch with comrades out at sea.

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Their motto: Night Stalkers don't quit

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"The 160th has specialized training with night vision and flying in all kinds of weather," said 1st Lt. Marie Hatch, spokesperson for the 160th. "They were going in to assist in the (RP-US military training exercise) that is going on in the Philippines."

Aircrews from the 160th are trained to operate 9 meters above water, at night, using night vision goggles in a hostile environment, according to an Army publication.

A 1993 mission in Somalia involving the 160th was the subject of the movie "Black Hawk Down." Eighteen American soldiers died before that mission was aborted.

The 160th was formed in 1981 to focus on low-level night operations in response to the failed hostage rescue mission in Iran the year before.

The 1,500-member force was first used in hostile conditions in Grenada in 1983 and has since participated in missions around the globe in nations such as Panama, Iraq and Bosnia.

The 10 members of the helicopter crew were part of a 660-strong US contingent participating in the Balikatan 02-1 joint military training exercise aimed at wiping out the Abu Sayyaf bandits in Basilan.

The 10 were considered the first casualties in what is viewed as Washington's second front after Afghanistan.

Scouring the sea

Three small Philippine Navy gunboats are scouring the turquoise waters of the Bohol Sea for the missing US servicemen while a search helicopter is checking nearby beaches. Local fishermen have also joined in the search.

"We haven't even seen any debris," an officer aboard Philippine Navy gunboat 370 said. He has been glued to his binoculars the whole day yesterday. "But we will stay out here day and night until we do."

The officer, who did not want to be named, said his boat lacked radar and his two divers were not much use in the deep waters and swift currents off Apo, a 13-hectare tourist island between Negros Oriental and Siquijor.

Chances of finding anyone alive are shrinking by the hour. Still, officials weren't ready to give up.

"We should not rule out a miracle," said Lt. Gen. Roy Cimatu, commander of the Southern Command. "People can stay in the water for about one week, so we must not abandon the rescue. The fight is against time."

Brig. Gen. Marcial Ilagan, head of the search and rescue task force, was also optimistic. "We are hopeful they are still alive."

Sgt. Michael Farris, spokesperson for the US contingent, added: "We still cannot presume that the others are already dead. We are still hopeful that they were rescued by fishermen after the accident."

The Americans are carrying out their own retrieval efforts without Philippine help, according to Cimatu.

He said the helicopter's emergency beacon was believed to be about 200 meters under water. Parts of the sea floor in the area are 400 meters or deeper, according to local residents.

The MH-47E military helicopter crashed about 2:30 a.m. Friday while heading back to its temporary base in Cebu.

The Chinook had just completed a series of night flying sorties, ferrying US Green Berets and supplies from Zamboanga City to nearby Basilan island.

Cause of crash

The cause of the crash is unknown, but early suspicions focused on mechanical failure. The Philippine military has ruled out hostile fire.

Charito Tabanera, 37, said he was fishing when he saw the helicopter go down. "I saw a fireball and it fell into the sea."

Tabanera said the wind was so strong and the waters so choppy that he couldn't head in the direction of the crash. Other fishermen said they thought they had seen a meteorite.

The search for the missing soldiers amounts mostly to looking at the water surface, scanning beaches from the air and talking to local fishermen for reports of debris sightings among the coral, rocks and white sands of the region which is sprinkled with hilly palm-studded islets.

The gunboats and a Coast Guard patrol boat have so far found a rotor, a fuse box, the fuselage, a pilot's helmet, a seat and the landing gear.

"We have recovered rubber parts. We have recovered a portion of the fuselage, parts of the landing gear and many other things," said Ilagan, task force commander.

Fishermen and beachcombers have assembled a collection of parts found floating in the waters.

A metal box full of hydraulic fluid, a first-aid kit, a diving boot, part of a rotor blade and a package of American "meals-ready-to-eat" were floating near the shore or washed up on the beach.

The task ahead, searchers say, has been made increasingly difficult as powerful currents and tides can shift wreckage for kilometers overnight.

The search extended Saturday to several kilometers in every direction from the crash site, 3 km southwest of Apo, a marine reserve renowned for diving.

A rescue command post was being established in the Negros Oriental town of Siaton, about 5 to 10 km from the crash site, officials said.

The search vessels are being refueled and resupplied by merchant boats and are only putting to shore briefly when necessary.

War games continue

Despite the accident, both the Philippine and American military said the Balikatan war games would continue against the Abu Sayyaf bandits.

Cimatu said all 160 US Special Forces commandos had been deployed in Basilan, spreading out to help Filipino troops hunt down the local allies of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network.

The elite US troops, popularly known as Green Berets, are being distributed in teams of 12 to each of the Philippine battalions already on the island hunting the Abu Sayyaf and seeking to recover two American missionaries and a Filipino nurse in the hands of the the terrorists.

Cimatu said the Americans would engage in "strengthening the field intelligence" of the local troops and would boost their capacity in this area.

The Americans will also help increase the Filipino soldiers' technical skills, Cimatu said, without elaborating. ***Reports from Alex V. Pal and Connie Fernandez, PDI Visayas Bureau; TJ Burgonio in Manila; and AP, AFP, Reuters,***

US journalists say helicopter crew was professional, safety-conscious

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Two American journalists who rode in a US Army helicopter just hours before it crashed described its crew as safety-conscious professionals.

The MH-47E Chinook crashed into the sea off the southern tip of Negros island before dawn Friday, with witnesses saying the chopper appeared to be on fire in midair. The bodies of three of the 10 service members on board have been recovered. The rest were still missing late Saturday.

Photographer Mannie Garcia of the Military Times Media Group and Matthew Cox of the Army Times were allowed on board one of two Chinooks that ferried the final batch of 160 US Special Forces soldiers taking part in a training exercise aimed at helping the Philippine military wipe out the extremist Abu Sayyaf group.

Garcia and Cox were on the first of at least three round-trips that the helicopters made between Zamboanga City and nearby Basilan island, where the Abu Sayyaf is holding an American missionary couple and a Filipino nurse.

Garcia, 49, of Kensington, Maryland, said he did not notice anything unusual.

"I observed what seemed to be normal operating procedures," he said, adding that the crew was "very safety-conscious."

"There was a heightened sense of security," Garcia said. "I had no doubt in my mind that I was safe."

His video footage of the mission, most of it shot through a military night-vision goggle in front of his lens, showed ghostly images of the Special Forces and the helicopter crew as they flew in the dark and unloaded troops and equipment on Basilan.

Cox, 34, of Manassas, Virginia, said the helicopter flew low above the narrow strait between Zamboanga and Basilan in total darkness. Flying helicopters at night is part of the counter-terrorism training exercise, called Balikatan or "shoulder to shoulder."

"I never worried once flying. Those guys were professionals," Cox said.

Cox and Garcia heard about the crash on television but did not know that the ill-fated chopper was the one they had been on until they were told Saturday by Maj. Cynthia Teramae, US spokesperson for the exercise, who was on the same helicopter.

"First off, I could not believe it that it could happen," Garcia said. "So when I found out that not only did it go down, but we were actually on that same aircraft both legs of the mission, it was pretty overwhelming.

"They took very good care of us," he said of the crew.

The eight-man crew was from the Army's 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, based at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The other two on board were Air Force para-rescuers assigned to the 353rd Special Operations Group, based at Kadena Air Base in Japan.

Cox shook his head in disbelief that all were dead or missing.

"I can't believe that . . . not only we were flying with them but we spent time with them," he said. ***AP***

Seven-minute rush on for 300 students from 20 colleges

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bate Society, said during the opening ceremony at UP Diliman's Bahay ng Alumni.

The tournament has adopted the Asian Parliamentary Format. Members of a team and their opponents will only get to learn the topic they'll be debating shortly before their match.

Each debater will then be given seven minutes to defend his team's position. Debaters refer to this heart-pounding stretch as "the seven-minute rush."

"Debating is a civilized way of settling disputes, which would otherwise be resolved by violence or force of arms," Inquirer publisher Isagani Yambot said in his opening remarks.

"Debating compels the debaters to read, research and study the issues thoroughly. It requires intelligent judgment and a strong reasoning faculty, traits that can be developed through good reading habits."

That's how the Inquirer got to be a convenor of the tournament, together with the UP Debate Society.

Ozoa said the UP Debate Society was planning for the event when it learned that the Inquirer was also looking for ways to get involved in young people's academic pursuits.

She said the Inquirer's decision to co-sponsor the tournament helped a great deal, especially in the area of logistics.

Celine Madamba, head of Inquirer corporate affairs, described the debating championship as the "flagship event" of the Inquirer Readership Program aimed at arresting the alarming decline in newspaper readership, especially among the youth.

Under the program, the Inquirer has come up with special sections for the youth, such as Youngblood in the opinion page, the 2BU subsection in Lifestyle section and the Junior Inquirer.

There's also the Teens Read, Too! Campaign for high school students as well as the Inquirer Young Readers Program involving advocacy, school tours and special events.

Jose Wendel Capili, an associate dean and moderator of the UPA Debate Society, also noted that the Inquirer had donated a classroom at the UP Department of Arts and Letters. Room 1 is called the "Inquirer room."

Capili has been designated the event's internal convenor, and Madamba the external convenor.

Debates will be held at several venues within the UP Diliman campus. There will also be a separate tournament for high school students.

Awarding ceremonies and a dinner will cap the grand finals on Feb. 26.

The tournament hopes to encourage debaters and non-debaters all over the country to learn more about the art of debating and to see more Filipino participation in national and international events. The organizers, in particular, plan to raise funds for the country's participation in the coming 9th All-Asian Intervarsity Debating Championship in Mahidol, Thailand. The Philippines won last year's championship.

The winner of the Inquirer Inter-Collegiate Debating Championship earns the right to represent the Philippines in Thailand.

When Inquirer president Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez welcomed the participants during Friday's dinner, she pledged to support debaters all the way to the Thailand championship.

Some of the participating schools are Urios College of Butuan, University of Santo Tomas, Ateneo de Manila, De La Salle University, Saint Paul College of Manila, Silliman University, Saint Louis University-Baguio, Mariano Marcos State University, Saint Benedict College and Ateneo de Naga.

Other sponsors of the tournament are the National Youth Commission, INQ7.net's YOU, Studio 23, Canon and Wave 89.1.

Living faith builds houses for poor

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also want to restore their dignity and self-worth, and help them regain their capacity to hope and dream. In this regard, aesthetics is important. The poor deserve beauty in their lives as much as the rich."

Now that the 16 houses have been built and turned over to the poor, the teams that built them have been sent out on a mission to replicate their work in their respective provinces. They are to identify the poor communities that need rehabilitation and restoration. CFC-SFC Dumaguete City will continue to help the newly established Gawad Kalinga area in Banilad. They will build a pre-school building, a livelihood center and a health clinic.

Not on values alone

Couples for Christ, which is now in all the provinces nationwide and in 96 countries worldwide, began its work with the poor five years ago with a values and faith formation program for the youth in Bagong Silang, Caloocan City, the biggest squatter relocation area in the country. There 600,000 of the country's poor live. But it was immediately realized that the poor cannot live on values and spirituality alone. They are hungry and sick, jobless and homeless.

"That's why we came up with a holistic, four-pronged approach to combat poverty," Meloto said. "In our community, we have members who are engineers, architects and builders for our shelter program. We have teachers and values formators for our education program. We have doctors, nurses, dietitians and other medical professionals for our health program. And we have skills trainors as well as the marketing network nationwide for our livelihood program."

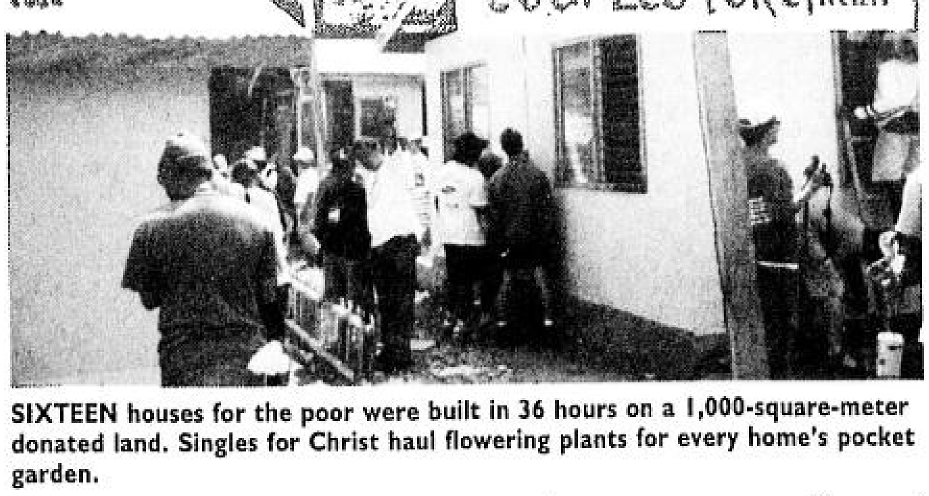
CFC's work with the poor program transforms not only individual lives but entire communities. When they come to an area, they stay, build relationships with the people, find out what their needs are, and help them help themselves. They do not just come and dole out help, then leave and let the poor go back to their wretched lives.

The beneficiaries are encouraged to undergo a spiritual transformation program to develop the correct attitude not to squander the bounty given them but be its caring stewards. Also, there is the *kapitbahayan* program, where the people in the community are each other's peer-guardians and support system for cleanliness and sanitation, peace and order, and environmental protection.

Target: 1000 homes

"Our vision is to replicate our success in Bagong Silang in every part of the country where there are poor people," Meloto said. "We took this on massively two years ago. Right now, we have 69 Gawad Kalinga areas nationwide and, to date, have already built 600 homes. As we speak, there are more than a hundred houses in various stages of construction all over the country. Our goal is to establish 1,000 Gawad Kalinga communities within five years using the massive nationwide network of CFC and partner organizations."

"When we started, we didn't have any idea how to achieve this. Today, we have inspired our members, including those in other countries, to take this on as a personal cause. And we have also captured the imagination of other generous people, civic-minded institutions and private organizations to partner with us and help us in this work. Now, even government is helping us."



SIXTEEN houses for the poor were built in 36 hours on a 1,000-square-meter donated land. Singles for Christ haul flowering plants for every home's pocket garden.

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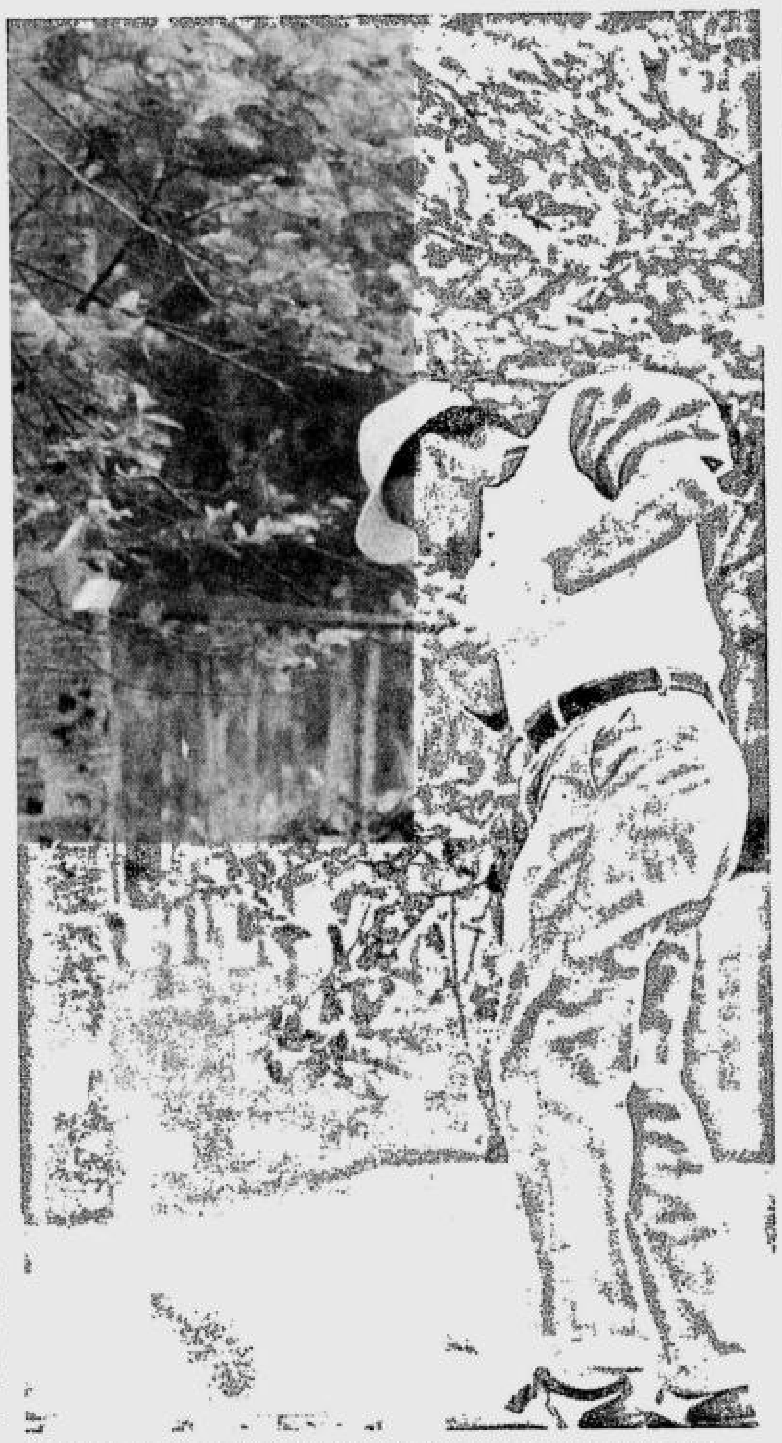
PAL SRS. INTERCLUB

Canlubang wins Sportswriters title

By Al S. Mendoza



BENNY Gopez of Riviera hits a shot during yesterday's PAL Seniors Interclub. Gopez scored a 35 for his team. JESS YUSON

BACOLOD CITY—Canlubang won the Sportswriters crown running away, but defending Championship Division champion Luisita shared the spotlight with a big opening round yesterday in the 16th PAL Seniors Interclub here.

Canlubang closed out with a 198=404 to defeat fellow first-day leader Camp Evangelista (174=380) at the Negros Occidental GCC behind the huge 44 points of Eriberto Bunye.

Officials rectified an error that had given Camp Evangelista a 1-point lead over Canlubang after Friday's Round 1 that saw Canlubang and Camp Evangelista score similar 206 points.

Bunye was supported by Iluminado Advincula with 42, Yoshihiko Akasaka 39, Mateo Trinos Jr. 39 and Makoto Kobayashi 34 in the series that gives 4 points to a birdie, 3 to a par, 2 to a bogey and 1 to a double bogey.

Camp Evangelista's scorers yesterday were Antonio Fortich with 43, Raul Noble with 38, Jess Concepcion and Jose Roy Deleste with 32s and Cerino Castrence with 29.

What derailed Camp Evangelista's title conquest was Mabini Kwan's no-count 25 after a 40 and Ponce de Leon's 28 after a 39.

Third with 370 was Bacolod (189-181) in a tie with Zamboanga (185-185=370), fifth Pittsburch (183-184=367), sixth Crystal Springs (169-196=365), seventh Team L.A. (186-175=361), eighth Alta Vista (186-175=355), ninth Fil-Navy (171-183=354), 10th Guinhalaran (165-176=341).

Wack Wack paced Founders with 218, with Manila Golf second at 205. Apo was next at 203, Pueblo de Oro and Manila Southwoods at 199s, Riviera 198, Lanang and Club Intramuros at 196s, Camp Aguinaldo 188.

Wack Wack gunners were Luisito Figueroa with 46, Bryan Cockrell 44, Alex Sison and Danny Tamayo 43s and Pablo Soon 42 and the Mandaluyong bets led Pueblo de Oro by 9 points.

Luisita, gunning for a second straight crown for a 10th title in the tournament's 16th edition, played more than steady golf as even the huge 42 of Silay City Mayor Carlo Gamban did not count.

Durable Alex Montelibano of Luisita continued to defy the pangs of time, firing 50 points (4 over) at the Bacolod GCC, a short but tight and tricky course at nearby Binitin in Murcia designed by the legendary Celestino Tugot.

Alan Gaston shot 48, Lucio Yan and Richie Garcia'47s and King Sumulong 44 as Luisita's 236 led Alabang (215) by almost an unreachable 21 points. Cebu Country Club, and Veterans were tied at 207, followed by Villamor at 205, Victorias 171, Golfinos 148 and Moffet 144.

"The guys played very well," said Luisita team manager Rudy Samson. "We had a good start, indeed, but let's see what happens tomorrow. *Bilog ang bola.*"

The final round today, aside from the Championship and Founders Divisions, will also involve bets from the Friendship Division in the series backed principally by Fortune Tobacco, Boeing, RMN/E! Television, Airbus Industrie, NBC/MTV, ABS-CBN International, Premier Wine and Spirits, Smart Communications and Pilipinas Shell. The corporate sponsors include, among others, PLDT, Tanduay, Asia Brewery, Pagcor, Boysen and Century Park Hotel.

Dear Rudy

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

JUST felt like dropping you a note. When was the last time we had beer? Gosh, it's been ages.

I'm here in Bacolod City covering the PAL Interclub. I bumped into a friend from way back on Friday and next thing we knew, we were having dinner at Bar 21.

Ah, that place.

Good food. No wonder Bar 21 always teems with people. The bulgan fish was a revelation. Saw such nice fellas there like Jun Inigo, who came in with his wife, Cora. Before that, I met Jun's brother, Nonong. Handsome, too. And witty. Menieng Maravilla was there, too, and so were many of PAL's regular Interclub participants.

The night before, I was at Jewel's, a mini paradise of a restaurant situated just outside the city—in a place called Palaka in Pulupandan. The imbao there was simply exotic. Baked or done soup-style. Cecile, Ben Lilican's ageless love, simply adored it. "I guess I'm overeating again," said Cecile. "This imbao, it might spoil my figure."

But back to you, Rudy.

The guy I had dinner with Friday was from your turf.

Know what?

Wow! The exploit you did that had been kept under wraps for years made you a bigger hero than I thought.

It's this. Remember in '95?

Oh, how can you forget, you cute brute rascal.

That year, we had the Philippine Open held in Davao's Apo. Know what I learned from your constituent Friday evening?

In ninety-five, you saved the day for your beloved Davao City. Without you acting as Robin Hood, the 1995 Philippine Open would not have materialized in Davao. I learned that only about three, four, people knew about your heroism to save it. Seven years later, I became the fourth, fifth, person to come to know about it.

The secret?

Dyarannn! Here: That you shelled out P3 million as seed money for the 1995 Open in Davao.

"Had he not done that, there would have been no Open in Davao in ninety-five," said my friend, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "Congressman Ermita (then NGAP president) wanted a financial assurance first before we could sign the contract to host the Open. Mayor Duterte came to the rescue. And Mon Allado (then Apo president) was the happiest man on Earth then."

See? You were the knight in shining armor, buddy. As I have always known you to be.

Typically Rudy.

Typically Duterte.

Now, I'll also let you in on my own little secret: I bet on you to win the 2001 May elections. I did it against the advice of some friends, who insisted you were going to lose. Because you won, I became P1,000 richer. But not for long. I gave my winnings to a friend in need. My investment of P1,000, I gave it back to Sol Juvida, my "solmate."

Till here, buddy. Catch you later.

National Students cagefest begins

By Roy Luarca

THE 56TH National Students Basketball Championships begin today at the Dinggoy Roxas Civic Center in Roxas City with 15 high school and 13 collegiate teams competing.

Four games are on tap, with the protagonists to be determined by the drawing of lots early in the morning.

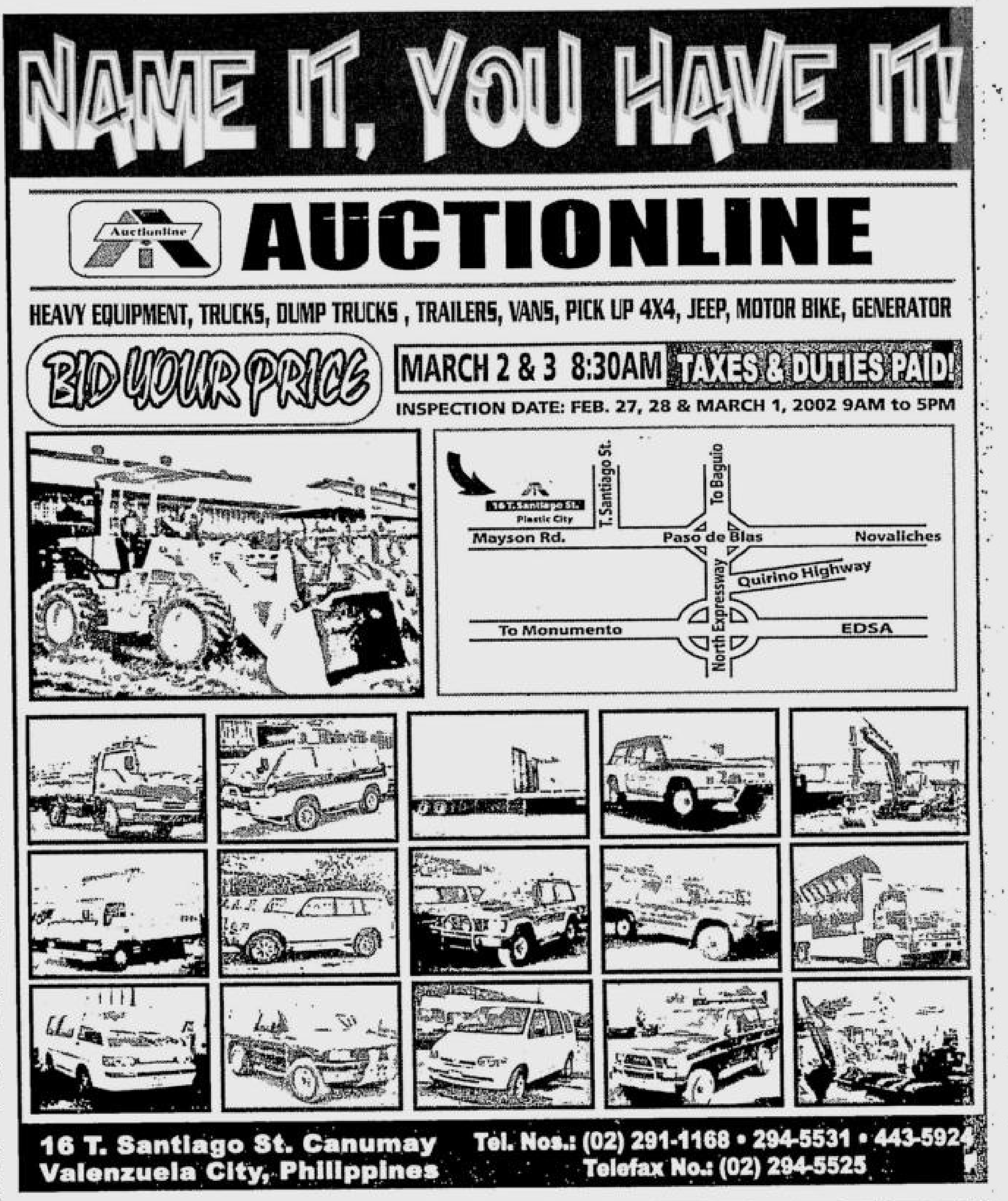
Also known as the National Inter-Collegiate and Inter-Secondary Basketball Championships, the weeklong tournament is hosted by Region VI director Emmanuel Yap in cooperation with Roxas City Mayor Antonio del Rosario and Capiz Gov. Vicente Bermejo.

"After all the hassles, we're glad that this tournament finally pushes through. We're excited and honored to be a part of this grassroots endeavor by the BAP," said Yap.

The annual tournament, which is jointly sponsored by ACCEL, the official outfitter of the national team, Burlington (official socks) and Molten (official ball), coincides with the BAP national congress.

Gracing today's simple opening rites at 7:30 a.m. are BAP president Quinteliano 'Tiny" Literal, Chairman Rep. Antonio Abaya, executive vice president Christian Tan, legal counsel Bonifacio Alentajan, secretary general Graham Lim, BAP regional directors, Mayor del Rosario, Gov. Bermejo and other Roxas City officials.

Defending champion St. Francis of Assisi, sans newly turned pro Yancy de Ocampo, leads the collegiate division, while reigning titlist San Beda College banners the secondary division.



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FedEx spanks Shell

De Ocampo, Alvarez deliver

By June Navarro

FEDRAL Express leaned on beanpole Yancy De Ocampo and Paul Alvarez to escape with a 70-64 victory over Shell last night in the PBA Samsung Governors Cup at the Cuneta Astrodome.

De Ocampo, this year's top rookie pick, and the veteran Alvarez shone in the final minutes as the Express captured their first franchise win after starting with two heartbreakingsorry setbacks.

De Ocampo drilled a triple at the top of the key and sent a nifty pass to streaking Dindo Pumaren to give the Express a 68-62 lead with 2:15 remaining.

Alvarez then scored on a putback and a gliding undergoal shot that finished off the Turbo Chargers.

"It was a total team effort. Everybody were asked to play their respective roles and we're glad they responded to the challenge," said FedEx coach Derrick Pumaren.

The Turbo Chargers, who absorbed their second defeat in three games, lost Gerry Esplana, who was pulled out of the game with still six minutes to go after being hit by a wayward elbow.

Esplana suffered a nasal bone fracture as Jermaine Walker rammed his right elbow on the playmaker during a fastbreak play.

Walker again led the Express with 17 points while Tim Moore, a 6-foot-7 inside operator who replaced Rodrick Rhodes, had 15 points, 15 rebounds and three blocked shots.

Moore caught everybody by surprise as he banged in 11 of his 13 first-half points including three triples in the second period.

Jerry Codiñera's putback and a trey by Moore gave the Express a 33-23 spread as the Turbo Chargers tried to solve Moore's riddle.

Meanwhile, front-runners Alaska and Purefoods stake their unbeaten slates when they cross paths today at the Philsports Arena.

Paolo Mendoza provided the much-needed baskets as Sta. Lucia Realty beat Barangay Ginebra, 75-72, in the second game.

Mendoza accounted for five of his team's last six points to steer the Realtors to their first win after a losing debut. The Kings dropped to 0-3.

FEDEX 70—Walker 17, Moore 15, Alvarez 14, Pumaren 8, Friedhoff 8, De Ocampo 6, Codinera 2, Arboleda 0.

SHELL 64—Jones 23, Grimm 12, Wainwright 10, Paras 4, Esplana 4, Dela Cruz 4, Marzan 3, Lim 2, Hrabak 2, Sison 0, Del Rosario 0.

Quarters: 15-13, 36-29, 50-49, 70-64.

GAMES TODAY
(Philsports Arena)
4p.m.—Alaska vs Purefoods
6p.m.—Red Bull vs Selecta

Kobe keys LA triumph

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina—Kobe Bryant hit an 18-foot (5.4-meter) fadeaway jumper as time expired Friday night in the NBA to give the Los Angeles Lakers a 96-94 win over the Charlotte Hornets.

Bryant, who scored 11 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter, took his shot over Charlotte's George Lynch and fell backward to the floor as he watched it sail through the net for the Lakers' sixth straight win over Charlotte.

Bryant's teammates ran over to pick him up and celebrate as Charlotte's Baron Davis, who scored a game-high 37 points, kicked the basketball high up into the air and tossed his headband across the floor in disgust.

Shaquille O'Neal scored 31 points to lead the Lakers. Robert Horry added 12.

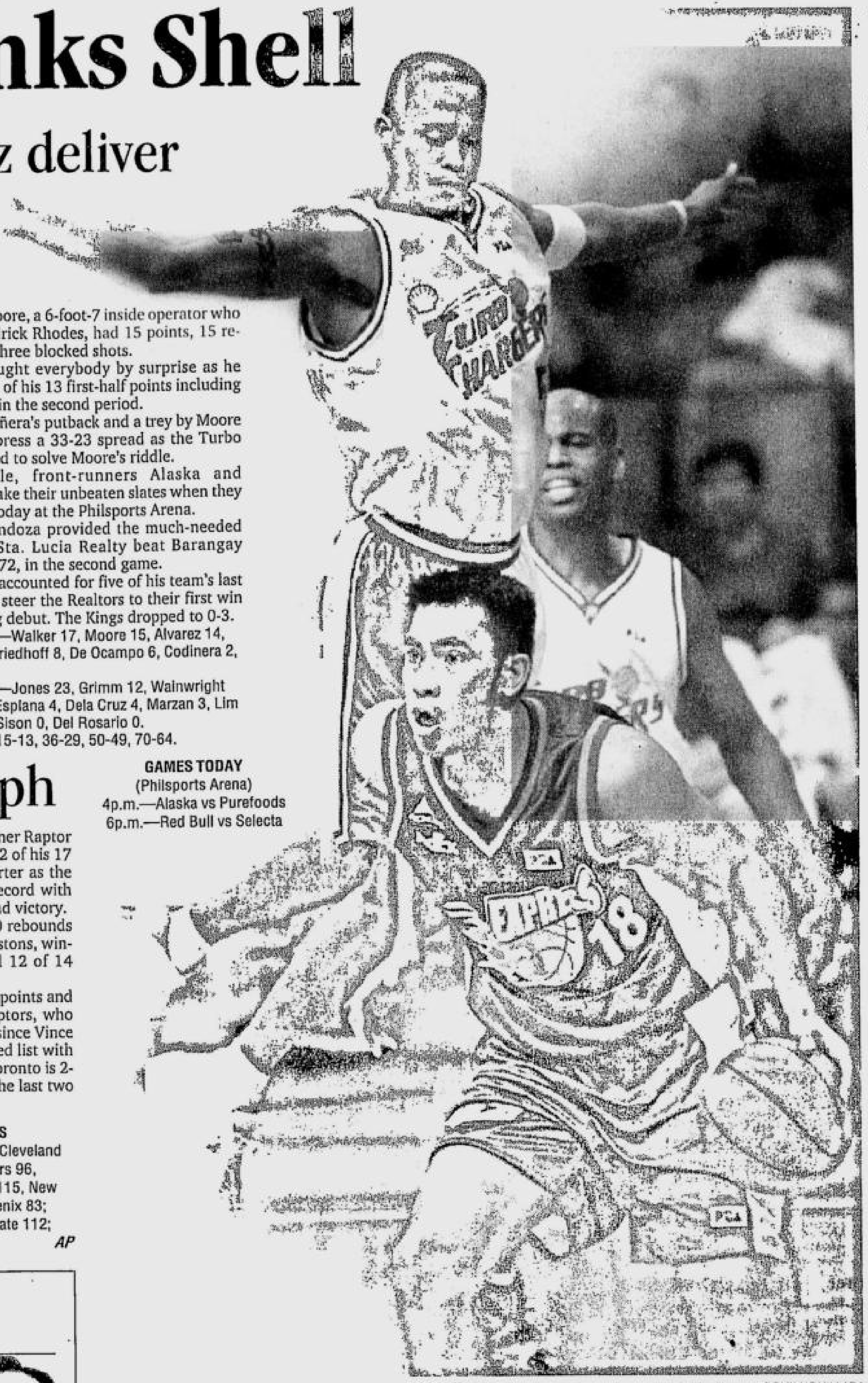
In Toronto, Clifford Robinson scored 21 points and former Raptor Corliss Williamson had 12 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter as the Pistons set a franchise record with their seventh straight road victory.

Ben Wallace added 10 rebounds and five blocks for the Pistons, winner of five straight and 12 of 14 overall.

Antonio Davis had 17 points and 13 rebounds for the Raptors, who have lost seven straight since Vince Carter went on the injured list with a strained quadriceps. Toronto is 2-15 without Carter over the last two seasons.

NBA RESULTS

Detroit 80, Toronto 72; Cleveland 103, Indiana 93; L.A. Lakers 96, Charlotte 94; New Jersey 115, New York 93; Chicago 91, Phoenix 83; Milwaukee 116, Golden State 112; Seattle 99, Atlanta 96. *AP*



YANCY de Ocampo (18) of FedEx drives past an airborne Rob Wainright of Shell. ROMY HOMILLADA

7 US golfers reach q'finals

CARLSBAD, Califronia—And then there was one: PGA champion David Toms birdied the 18th hole to beat good friend Steve Flesch and become the only top-10 seed still around in the Match Play Championship, where the stars are gone but the Stars & Stripes are doing just fine.

Paul Azinger made a gutsy comeback against Niclas Fasth of Sweden with birdies on four of the last five holes. He won in 20 holes, giving the United States seven players in the quarterfinals of the World Golf Championships event.

"It's probably going to kill the ratings in Europe, but it's good here," Azinger said.

The only non-American still around was a Spaniard, just not the one everyone expected.

Sergio Garcia, the No. 4 seed, fell behind on the first hole against Scott McCarron and never caught up in a match that was high on gamesmanship but lacked quality shots down the stretch.

They halved the final four holes - known as "The Longest Mile" in golf - with two bogeys and two pars, McCarron winning 1-up.

Carrying the flag for the rest of the world is Jose Maria Olazabal of Spain, who pulled away from Mark Calcavecchia with birdies on two of the final four holes for a 2-up victory.

It was the third time in four years of the Accenture Match Play Championship that only one top-10 seed was remaining after the first three rounds. *AP*

RP lands 3rd

BANGKOK—Juvic Pagunsan took a triple bogey on the last hole as the Philippines settled for third place in the Thailand Amateur Open golf tournament at the Kiarti Thanee Country Club course here.

The Filipinos led Thailand and Korea by one stroke heading to the par-5 final hole, but Pagunsan hit his drive into the water and again on his second shot for a costly 7 that doomed the RP campaign.

Thailand went on to sweep both the team and individual awards, beating Korea by one and the Filipinos by three with a 563 total.

Trading time

NBA NOTES
Henry Liao

FOUR trades involving 21 players were consummated during the three days leading to this year's NBA trade-deadline day on Feb. 21. Two transactions came on the final day of the trading period as nine players switched residences.

A year ago, a total of 22 players from four trades changed uniforms on D-Day (Deadline Day), the most on a deadline day since the NBA started keeping track in 1987.

On Feb. 19, the Indiana Pacers, who are looking to break into the eight-team playoff circle in the East, shipped versatile guard Jalen Rose (their erstwhile leading scorer), disgruntled backup playmaker Travis Best, rookie guard Norman Richardson and a conditional second-round draft choice to the lottery-bound Chicago Bulls for their top three scorers—shooting guard Ron Mercer, swingman Ron Artest and center Brad Miller—and substitute guard Kevin Ollie.

No doubt the Pacers got the better of the ideal of the deal. Head coach Isiah Thomas certainly did not need the disruptive ways of the 6-8 Rose, who complained of his diminished role in the offense with the blossoming of All-Star Jermaine O'Neal, and the 5-11 Best, who was unhappy playing behind rookie Jamaal Tinsley and sought a trade.

Mercer and Artest currently are hobbled by injuries but should be able to perk up the Pacers' offense and improve their bench depth once healthy. The acquisition of the 7-foot Miller will allow the 6-11 O'Neal to switch from center to power forward, his natural position.

On Feb. 20, Boston and Phoenix agreed on a five-player swap. The Celtics, who are challenging the New Jersey Nets for the leadership in the Atlantic Division and entire Eastern Conference, peddled struggling rookie forward Joe Johnson, reserve guards Randy Brown and Milt Palacio and a 2002 first-round draft choice to the slumping Suns for a pair of offense-minded players in forward Rodney Rogers and guard Tony Delk.

Both Rogers and Delk were averaging double-digit scores with Phoenix at the time of the trade and their addition to the Celts' roster probably answers the club's needs for another scorer or two after relying heavily on All-Stars Paul Pierce and Antoine Walker throughout the season.

Boston pulled the trigger after trade talks with Denver for unhappy guard Nick Van Exel fell through when the latter change his mind and refused to waive the guaranteed $26.5 million over the final two years of his seven-year, $77-million contract, which runs through the 2005-06 season.

Luzon derby on Feb. 26 at Mandaluyong cockpit

THE much-awaited LGBA 1st Conference 6-Cock Derby, a battle royale of well-known Luzon gamefowl breeders, finally unfolds this coming Tuesday and Thursday (Feb. 26 and 28) at the Mandaluyong Coliseum.

Sponsors of the derby are Lakpue Drug Inc., Univet, Premium Agrovet and Excellence Gamefowl Supply. Submission of weights is tomorrow, Monday, Feb. 25 and interested parties may contact 531-4003, 531-4005, 535-2341 and 534-4110.

LGBA president Boy Diaz said the second Conference 6-Cock Derby is slated on April 23 and 25 while the 3rd Conference Championship 7-Cock Derby is set on May 28 and 30.

The participant with the most number of points earned after three conferences will be judged as the LGBA Cocker of the Year 2002. He stands to receive cash prizes, according to LGBA president Boy Diaz.

Providing support to this undertaking are LGBA council members Biboy enriquez, Dr. Gil Nicolas, Enrique Castillo, lawyer Mario Antonio, engineer Jun Sevilla, Terence Madlambayan and Romy Tan.

Meanwhile, Alex Tang and Nelson Co's bet, Guts and Glory, emerged as solo champion (seven points) Thursday night in the 5th Ucap/Arnis Master 7-Cock Derby.

Kitefest goes to Tacloban

TACLOBAN City will be the host of the third leg of the Bear Brand Kitefest 2002–the country's largest and longest-running kite-flying competition–today (Feb. 24).

Now on its 12th year, the prestigious event is expected to attract hundreds of kite-flying enthusiasts from Tacloban City and nearby cities and provinces.

Venue of the one-day event is the Leyte Sports Complex.

Cash prizes, trophies and gift packs from the sponsoring Nestle Phils. Inc. await the winners in three different categories: flat kites (2D or two-faced kites in any shape), geometric kites (3D with basic shapes) and figure kites (3D with themes and realistic shapes).

Other kitefest schedules:

Naga City, March 3; Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, March 10; Davao City, March 17; Baguio City, April 7; Cagayan de Oro, April 14; Kalibo, Aklan, April 28; and Rizal Park, Manila, May 12.

SPORTSWATCH

Venus Williams crashes out

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates—Fourth seed Sandrine Testud of France stunned an ailing top seed Venus Williams 1-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4 in a grueling two-hours, 10-minute match to enter the final of the $585,000 Dubai Duty Free Womens' Open on Friday. Testud takes on third seed Amelie Mauresmo in Saturday's all-French final. Mauresmo outclassed second seed Monica Seles of the United States 6-4, 6-3 in 62 minutes in the night semifinal. Williams, who had never been beaten by the Frenchwoman in five previous meetings, struggled after winning the first set in 21 minutes. The American uncharacteristically made several unforced errors in the second and third sets with Testud teasing her with shots to either side of the court. *AFP*

Ballboy shines in junior netfest

IMUS, Cavite—Club ballboy Jason Pasamba tripped Mark Maneja, 7-6, 6-0, to advance in the boys' 12-under division yesterday at the start of the 2002 Milo Junior Tennis Cup and Regional Workshop here at the Imus Tennis Club. Pasamba, a son of a manicurist, towed along Albert Lagdaan, who edged Edwin Tamayo 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 and in the unisex 10-under brackets Zhane Quitara whipped Michael Aliza 6-4, 6-0 and blanked Rani Felizardo 6-0, 6-0 to move into the next round with Charles Maneja, a 6-4, 6-1 victor past Chynna Mamawal. Imus Mayor Homer Saquilayan and Imus Tennis Club president lawyer David Alarcon graced the opening ceremonies in the Milo netfest organized by Children's Tennis Workshop and supported by Adidas and Sports Kids.

Russians opt against boycott

SALT LAKE CITY—Russia withdrew its Olympic boycott threat just as the Salt Lake Games appeared to be culminating in crisis. The Russian backdown came late Friday, despite two critical national setbacks. The United States defeated Russia 3-2 in a men's ice hockey semifinal to reach Sunday's final against Canada. Off the ice, Russia's protest of Irina Slutskaya's Olympic figure skating silver medal was rejected by the International Skating Union. The Russians claimed Slutskaya deserved the gold, which was won Thursday in a surprise by American 16-year-old Sarah Hughes. That shocking result came after Russians expressed outrage at nine-time Olympic medalist Larissa Lazutina's disqualification from a cross-country relay after failing a blood test. *AP*

ARCHERS WITH BUHAIN

Archery officials and athletes presented to Philippine Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain the trophy they won in the team compound event of the recent 12th Asian championships in Hong Kong. Raul Ramon Arambulo and Buhain are shown holding the trophy. Also in picture, from left, are coach Bernard Yap, architect Nestor de Castro, Adam E. Jimenez, NAAP president Ramon Lim, Earl J. Yap and NAAP secretary general Ligaya Manalang.

Elorde awards night March 25

PACQUIAO

FILIPINO world and international champions from the World Boxing Council, World Boxing Association, International Boxing Federation and the Orient Pacific Boxing Federation will be feted in the 2nd Gabriel "Flash" Elorde Banquet of Champions and Annual Awards set for March 25 at the Hotel Intercontinental.

Johnny Elorde, son of the former world lightweight champion, said 14 Filipino champions, led by IBF titleholder Manny Pacquiao, ruled their respective divisions in 2001.

They will be conferred awards during the traditional Annual Awards Night-Banquet of Champions held in memory of the longest-reigning world junior lightweight champion who retained his crown from 1960 to 1967.

Vice President and Foreign Affairs Secretary Teofisto Guingona has been invited to hand the Boxer of the Year Award to Pacquiao, who was IBF superbantamweight champion from June to December last year, and 13 other boxers who held the crown in their own divisions. Backing the event are the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, Pagcor, Family Rubbing Alcohol and San Miguel Corporation.

Meanwhile, Orient Pacific Boxing Federation lightweight champion Dennis Laurente, fresh from a win in Tokyo, Japan, will appear in a 10-round fight against Puzon of Butuan City tonight at the Elorde Sports Center in Sucat, Parañaque City starting at 7.

International promoter Johnny Elorde said the fight will serve as tuneup for Laurente's future outings.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

TODAY in 1988, Grace Agustin and Alex Fernando tallied 2093 and 2839 pins, respectively, to snare the associate masters title in the 8th CTBA-San Miguel Beer Open tenpin championship at Celebrity Sports Plaza. Also today in 1992, Lyndon Guce powered Strong Rulla to a winning time of 1:41 flat to capture the February edition of the 1992 Carlsberg Beer Cup race at Sta. Ana Park.

RA 9064

P100M needed for sports bill

By Marc Anthony Reyes

BUHAIN

NO LESS than P100 million will be spent to enact Republic Act 9064, also known as Sports Incentive Act, which is meant to reward the 340 sports heroes for their contribution to Philippine sports.

This was based on the calculations made by the Philippine Sports Commission, which is set to turn over the documents of all the recipients from the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp.

The documents include all possible proof of their feats, including newspaper clippings.

"We are just waiting for Pagcor to give us a signal," said PSC chair Eric Buhain, who added that Pagcor would still have to study each of the achiever's documents. "But we hope that we can start awarding the incentives by March."

Buhain said that under the law past achievers stand to receive a lump sum of 35 percent of their total incentive, while the remaining 65 percent will be given them monthly.

The law covers all medalists in Olympics, Asian Games, World Championships and equivalent events, depending on the weight of their feats.

PSC officials said Olympic silver medalists, boxers Anthony Villanueva and Mansueto "Onyok" Velasco, are sure to receive no less than P1 million each for being the highest-achieving Filipinos in sports.

Record breakers in Southeast Asian Games –starting from the 2001 Kuala Lumpur onward–are also eligible for the incentive scheme provided that they also win medals in the process.

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2002 Formula One Highlights Season Preview at 6:30 p.m. on Star Sports
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NBA Inside Stuff at 7:30 a.m. (r) on Star Sports
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'Pahiyang'

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

WIND Blown is setting out just three kilos heavier than Batangas Entry, Staunch Ally and Lyonnais in today's First Gentleman Silver Cup race.

Used to carrying 59 kilos, Wind Blown is expected to win again and pick up the P1.1 million bounty.

But the vastly improved Batangas Entry may give the Hermie Esguerra galloper a tough time just like in the Classic Open last year.

Fresh from ruling the Senate President Cup, Paolo Mendoza's Batangas Entry is bidding to stop the winning run of Wind Blown, whose last loss was inflicted by Sun City on April 1, 2001.

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The other attraction at Santa Ana today is the Hopeful Stakes (Race 10).

This is a wide-open race but crowd-darling Ilocandia Slew may yet emerge as favorite at post time.

As pahiyang, Ilocandia Slew's owner, businessman Myther Buñag, said he's not going to Santa Ana today to watch his horse compete against seven other rivals in the race to be disputed over one mile.

Instead, Myther will be at the Manila Polo Club this afternoon to witness the Zobel Cup.

"I'll just watch my friend Bobby Aguirre in the Zobel Cup. *Pero yang si* Ilocandia Slew, *labas yan kahit wala ako sa* Santa Ana," he said.

My Silip Boy said he hopes Myther's pahiyang could do wonders for Ilocandia Slew.

Good luck!

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Race 5—1. Viva Rosa 2. Empire Girl 3. Brazen Truth 4. Winter's Fury 5. Count Me In
Race 6—1. Wind Blown 2. Batangas Entry
Race 7—1. Flirting Hero 2. Gold Pyramid 3. Speed Master 4. Mr. Purao 5. Hacker
Race 8—1. Wendy's Pride 2. Princess Malinda 3. Worth Ur While/Gigi's Gold
Race 9—1. Shower of Stars 2. Sunny Puddles 3. Latin Beat 4. Chief Navigator 5. Sharon's Cookie
Race 10—1. Ilocandia Slew 2. Kiwi Rose 3. High Roller 4. Agree to Agree 5. Master Ijhay
Race 11—1. Meal Ticket 2. Golden Figure 3. Thunder Speed 4. Friendly Lover
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New Carter shoes out next month

NIKE is set to unveil the Shox VC, the Vince Carter basketball signature shoes, next month.

The Shox VC comes as a follow-up to the Nike shox running and cross-training shoes which hit the market in November last year.

The new generation Nike Shox—the Nike Shox R4 (running), Nike Shox XT (cross trainer) and Nike Shox VC (basketball)—continues to anticipate and meet consumers' performance needs through advancements in its breakthrough technology.

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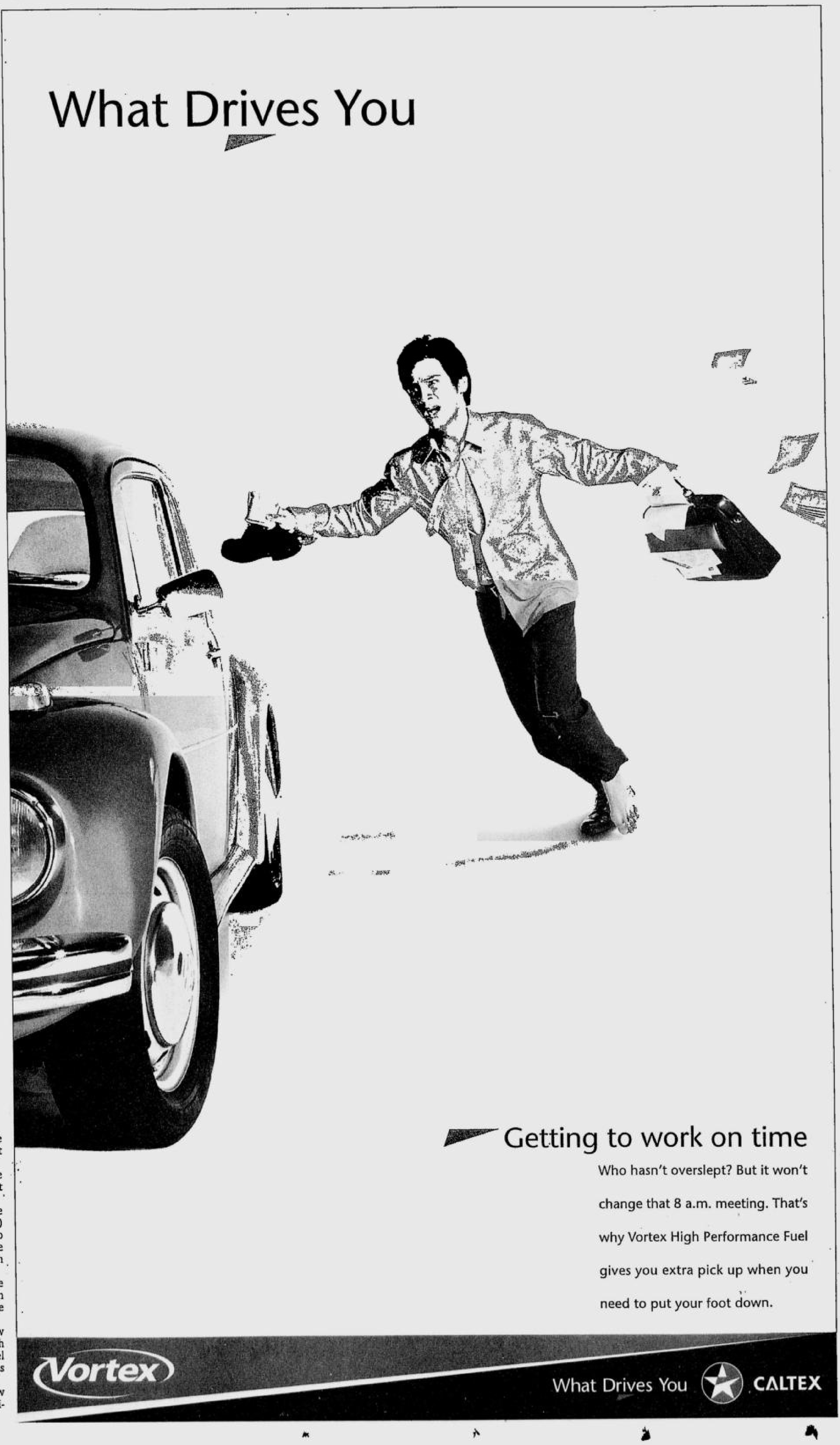
It includes a mesh bootie with a monkey-paw cage that wraps around the shoe adding a fresh face to the product. A black/varsity red model will be available in selected Nike retail outlets nationwide on March 15.

All three models of Nike Shox feature a new cone-shaped column support system that significantly improves cushioning and stability.



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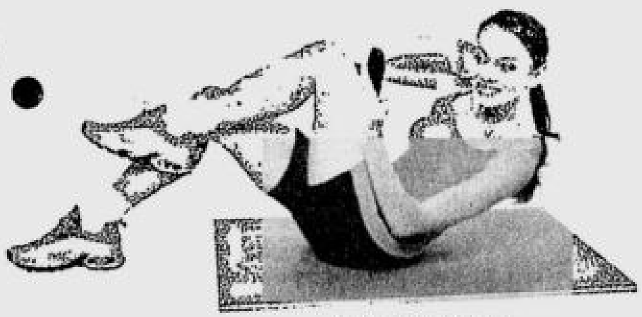
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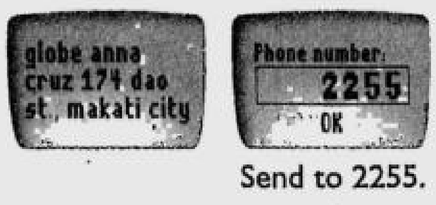
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MMDA to deputize jeepney drivers as traffic officers

By Alcuin Papa

TRAFFIC rule breakers as traffic rule enforcers?

The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority last Friday said some of the country's largest jeepney associations have volunteered some of their member drivers to be deputized as traffic enforcers.

After a meeting with leaders of the jeepney organizations, MMDA Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. said deputizing the drivers was agreed upon during a discussion of improving the traffic flow in Metro Manila.

"The volunteer jeepney drivers will be a big help in augmenting the number of traffic enforcers deployed at major intersections," Abalos said.

The jeepney organization leaders who met with Abalos included Medardo Roda of the Pinagkaisang Samahan ng mga Tsuper at Opereytors Nationwide

(Piston), the Federation of Jeepney Operators and Drivers of the Philippines (Fejodap) led by Zenaida Maranan, Pasang Masda led by Robert Martin, and the Federation of Rizal-Cubao Operators and Drivers Association (Fercoda) led by Boyet Vargas.

The drivers' leaders will soon submit to the MMDA the names of volunteer drivers to be deputized as traffic enforcers, according to Abalos.

He said the volunteers would be carefully screened and would be trained.

Only drivers who have proven integrity will be deputized, according to Roda of Piston.

To discourage extortion, the volunteer traffic enforcers can also report to the MMDA abusive and corrupt traffic enforcers, according to Abalos.

FREE LUNCH BEHIND BARS

Detainees at the Western Police District Station 4 in Sampaloc, Manila are treated to a free lunch by the station commander, Supt. Amado Pabustan. JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Shining shoes and hoping for a bright future

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

TALES OF THE CITY

LIKE many young boys his age, Larry Gamao, of Calatrava, Negros Occidental, studied hard because he wanted a good future.

He was actually well on his way, graduating valedictorian in grade school and continuing to do well in high school. But a town mate enticed him to go with him to Manila, luring him with stories of quick money and an easy life.

GAMAO

Gamao had just turned 17 and he thought he could take a shortcut to success by going with his friend. He quit school and went with his friend, all the while daydreaming of a good life in the big city.

"My friend told me stories of how easy it was to get work in Manila and how it was possible to live well in the big city," Gamao, now 23, told the INQUIRER in Filipino. "I believed him so I quit school and went with him to Manila."

He came crashing back to earth, however, when his friend brought him to Pampanga instead and introduced him to his boss who put Gamao to work in the sugarcane fields. His friend, now an ex-friend, got a nice commission for bringing him.

The backbreaking work in the fields was too much for the former student, even when his parents were farmers. After just a few months, he ran away.

"I got out of there as fast as I could because it was just too difficult," he recalled. "It was not what I expected to find when I left the province."

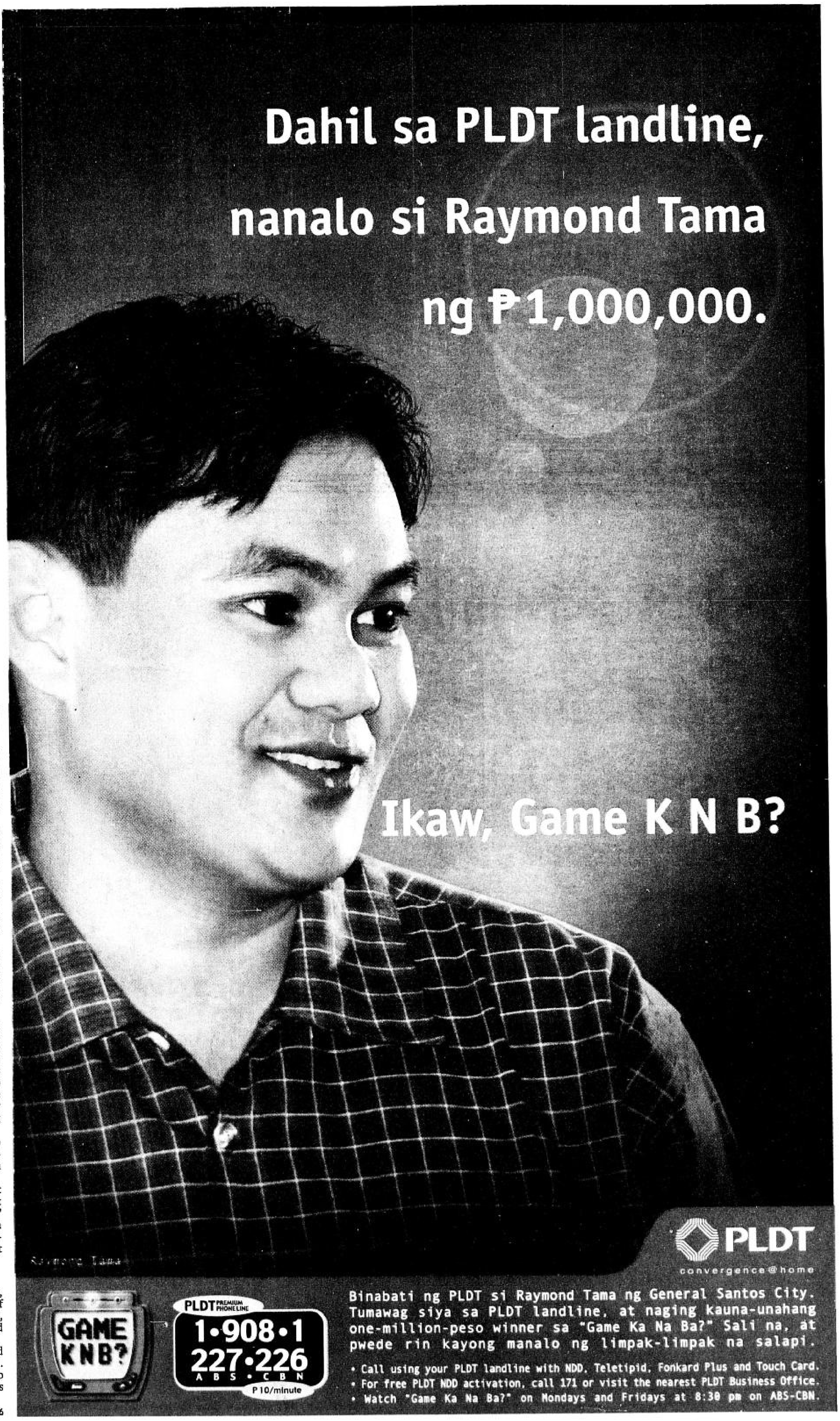
He could not bear to go back to his hometown so he stayed away, taking odd jobs — a construction worker in Pangasinan and Makati and a street vendor along Roxas Boulevard.

Demolition

From the modest home where he grew up, Gamao was forced to live in shanties at the back of the Cultural Center of the Philippines Complex, where he eventually found a wife and they had two children.

He risked life and limb as he sold softdrinks and bottled mineral water along Roxas Boulevard. Whatever little money he made was just enough to buy food for himself and his family. Nothing was left for their other needs.

SHINING SHOES/ A26



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Manila to build 'Rockwell for masses'

By Philip C. Tubeza

WHAT can $50 million do for the Pasig River?

While a Manila councilor wants swimming in the polluted river to be considered a crime, Manila Mayor Lito Atienza said he intends to turn the riverbanks in downtown Manila to the city's version of Makati's posh Rockwell shopping and entertainment center.

The mayor predicted that the Pasig would "live again" in five years' time.

"In five years, we will have a totally renewed river," Atienza told reporters. "If Makati has Rockwell, we will also have our own, but this time it will be for the masses."

He said the government has obtained $50 million from the Asian Development Bank to revive the Pasig by dredging it of silt and sludge and developing its banks.

Atienza said he intends to develop the riverbank along Escolta on one side and, on the other side, behind the immigration bureau building.

"This is going to be the most exciting part of Manila shortly," he said, adding that the project has already started.

He said this area would be closed to traffic and would be turned into a promenade "where the public could relax."

He said that besides an excellent lighting system, there would also be coffee shops, commercial outlets, and "popular bars similar to what the young go to in Libis (Quezon City)."

But the mayor also said the projected shopping area would cater "to the *masa*" (the masses). He noted that despite the trying economic times, commercial centers that are considered as *bakya* (catering to the masses) are the ones actually making money.

He said the dredging of the Pasig River has begun and the foul smell from the river would disappear. The factories and squatter colonies along the river are also being transferred, he said.

Atienza said that with the $50-million river rehabilitation program, he expects the river to be less polluted, if not "alive" again, in five years' time.

But while that has yet to happen, Councilor Luciano "Lou" Veloso has proposed an ordinance to prohibit swimming in the polluted river "and its tributaries" and penalize those who do so.

Besides the river's "unhealthy and hazardous" waters, Veloso cited the reported number of drowning incidents in the Pasig.

Veloso, a former theater and movie comedian, also proposed that barangays along the river set up billboards with the message *"Kung gusto mong madisgrasya sa Ilog Pasig maligo ka.* Goodbye!" (If you want to meet an accident, swim in the Pasig River. Goodbye!)

According to his proposed ordinance, violators will have to do community service of not more than 40 hours.

Bombs at City Hall

By Alcuin Papa

THREE explosive devices, enough to start a huge fire, were found near the Mandaluyong City Hall Friday, police said.

The bombs were found inside the City Health Office, located beside the Mandaluyong City Hall, the police headquarters, the Regional Trial Court and the Land Transportation Office, police said.

City health employees Rodolfo Balter and Artemio Santos found the bombs, which were planted near the CHO stock room at 10:57 a.m., police said.

The bombs were planted near an air-conditioning unit. If detonated, the bombs could cause a blaze large enough to gut the nearby city hall, police said.

Balter and Santos called the police, whose headquarters happened to be nearby. But it took the lawmen almost 15 minutes to respond to the call, witnesses said.

The witnesses also noticed that the police did not immediately seal off the area.

But Mandaluyong City police chief Supt. Sukarno Ikbala said they were able to secure the area and searched for other explosive devices in the premises.

The bombs were wrapped in three plastic ice candy wrappers and pasted onto pieces of cardboard. They contained the same gray powder used in firecrackers. Police also found batteries attached to the bombs.

According to initial reports, the bombs could have been detonated from a distance, setting on fire local government buildings.

At press time, police are still trying to find out who masterminded the bomb attempt and the suspects' motive.

They are looking at the possibility that the bombs were planted to mar the celebration of the anniversary of People Power 1, as Mandaluyong mayor Benhur Abalos and his father, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Chair Benjamin Abalos, are close supporters of former President Cory Aquino.

Gas depot transfer means safety risks, not more revenue, says Pasay mayor

By Christian V. Esguerra

DOUBLE blackeye.

This was how the Pasay local government described the planned transfer of the aviation gas depot from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport to a residential area in the city.

According to Mayor Wenceslao Trinidad, the depot is not sure to generate revenue for the city government and it might also endanger the lives of the residents of Barangay 201, the planned new site of the gas depot.

Residents have been protesting the transfer, saying they feared the depot would be vulnerable to sabotage especially after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

Trinidad said that even if the city government could stand to earn huge amounts from the depot, he is not keen on the transfer mainly because of security and safety concerns.

"I won't jeopardize my people's safety simply because of money," he declared.

The depot is used by the big three oil companies—Shell, Caltex and Petron—to store up to 30 million liters of high-octane aviation gas.

The companies, through the Joint Oil Companies Storage Project, are set to move the facility to a Pasay site about 200 meters from a residential area.

The House of Representatives committee on ecology and the Pasay city council are conducting parallel hearings to address the security and safety concerns of residents.

Trinidad said that if authorities could provide safety measures and if residents finally approve of the gas depot transfer, he would have "no choice" but to accommodate the facility in the city.

Ex-cop, others throw teargas in Makati home; 2 kids hurt

By Alcuin Papa

TWO children are in critical condition after a group of drunken men, including a retired police official, hurled a teargas canister inside their house in Makati City Friday night.

One-year-old Prima Anglica and one-month-old Jaden Gil Maramag, of 6th Avenue, Barangay East Rembo, Makati City, are being treated at the Ospital ng Makati, police said.

Ferdinand and Prima Maramag told PO3 Rio Bucalan of the Makati City Police homicide section that suspects Senior Insp. Rolando Memita, 58, Nelson Opena, 19, and their friends were drinking near the Maramag residence when they decided to toy with a teargas canister about 11:30 p.m. Friday.

In their drunken state, one of them hurled the canister into Maramag's house, setting it off and causing the children to suffocate until they passed out.

Shining shoes and hoping . . .

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A government demolition job destroyed his family's shanty in 1998. The demolition was in preparation for the Asean Summit.

Things looked up a little when he and other squatters along Roxas Boulevard were given homes at the Gen. Trias relocation site in Cavite. The 36-square-meter home was a gift, part of the program of Sen. Aquilino Pimentel. But Gamao had no livelihood.

Lady Luck smiled at him when members of the Succor Association, a non-government organization that provides assistance to the poor, came calling one day and asked if there was anyone among the squatter families who was interested in training for a new trade, as a shoe shine boy.

Gamao immediately signed up for the "Reach Out and Shine" program.

Reach Out and Shine is a livelihood project initiated by Succor, in partnership with Kiwi, the world leader in shoe care, to provide residents of depressed communities a decent means of earning a living.

Under the program, Succor identifies the beneficiaries and the sites that the shoeshine boys can regularly visit. Kiwi provides the initial supply of show care products as well as the shoeshine stands, boxes, uniforms and the training in the proper shoe-care techniques and use of Kiwi products.

"I was really very interested in the program because I thought that it was a decent job and it was better than going out and working over 12 hours a day as a street vendor, rain or shine," Gamao said.

Gamao was one of the 20 who trained under the program, and one of the 12 who were eventually deployed in government agencies that supported the program.

The Senate was the first venue of this project launched in December by Senator Pimentel, followed by the National Labor Relations Commission, the Office of the Solicitor General, the Mandaluyong City Hall and, recently, the House of Representatives.

Following soon are the Land Transportation Office and the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

Gamao was assigned to the OSG.

Proudly wearing his uniform and his shoe-shine equipment, he has been going to the OSG five times a week since Dec. 21 and gets at least six clients a day, mostly lawyers. When he's lucky, he gets more than 10 clients a day.

"The income is not the same everyday but at least I have a decent living and I no longer have to risk my life as a street vendor," he said. "I also work in more comfortable surroundings. I don't need to worry about hard rains or the hot sun."

Gamao said he developed loyal clients in the less than two months that he was assigned to the OSG. Many of them give him a big tip on top of the P20 fee for shining their shoes.

"Somebody from Succor introduced me to some of the lawyers at the OSG, but eventually I developed my own roster of clients," he said. "Now, they call me, and some women even have their shoes shined, even if it is just the strap. We exchange stories along the way."

Now he has money to spare for things other than food, but that is not the only benefit he gets out of the program. What is far more important to Gamao is that he can dream again of a better life.

In the next six months, he hopes to get electricity in his home in Cavite, buy household appliances. He also plans to send his two children to school within the next five years.

"I hope that eventually, I can save enough money start a shoe repair business, or even to produce my own shoe line," he said.

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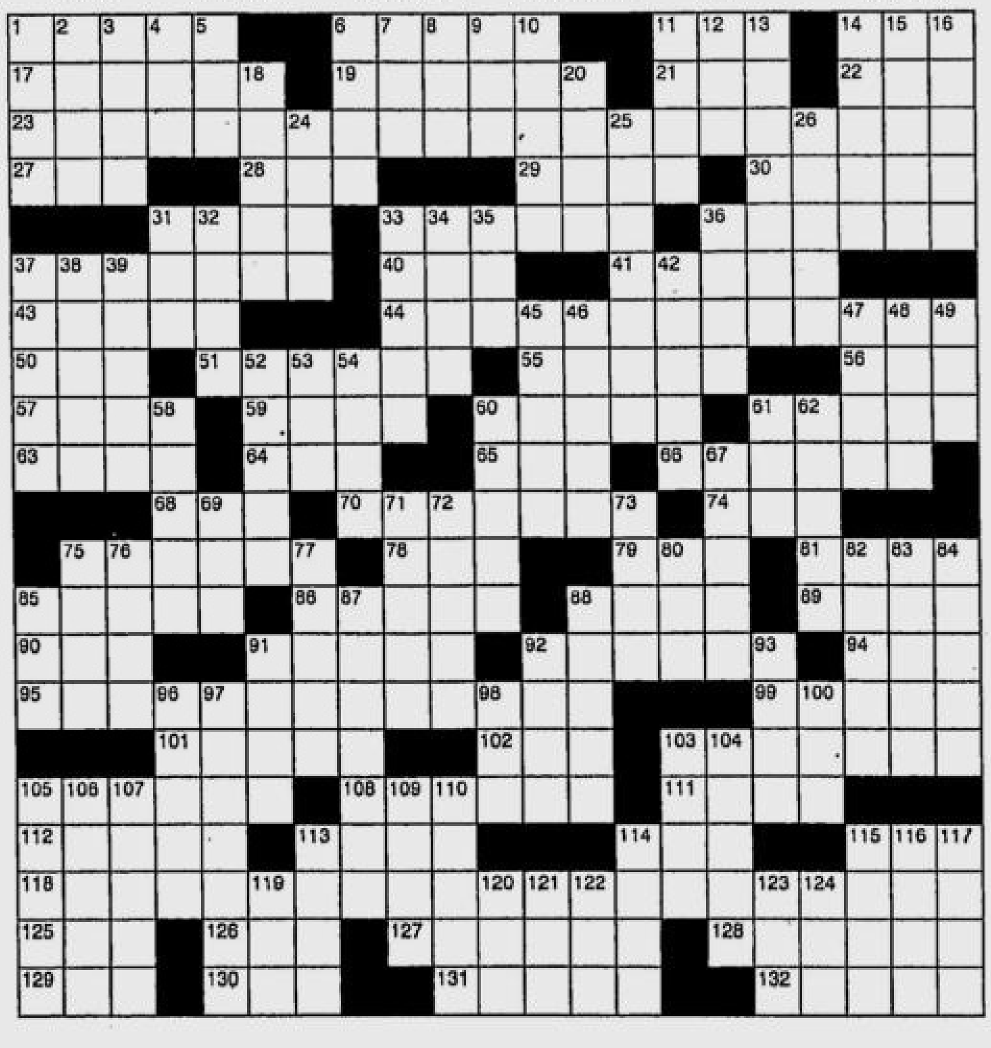

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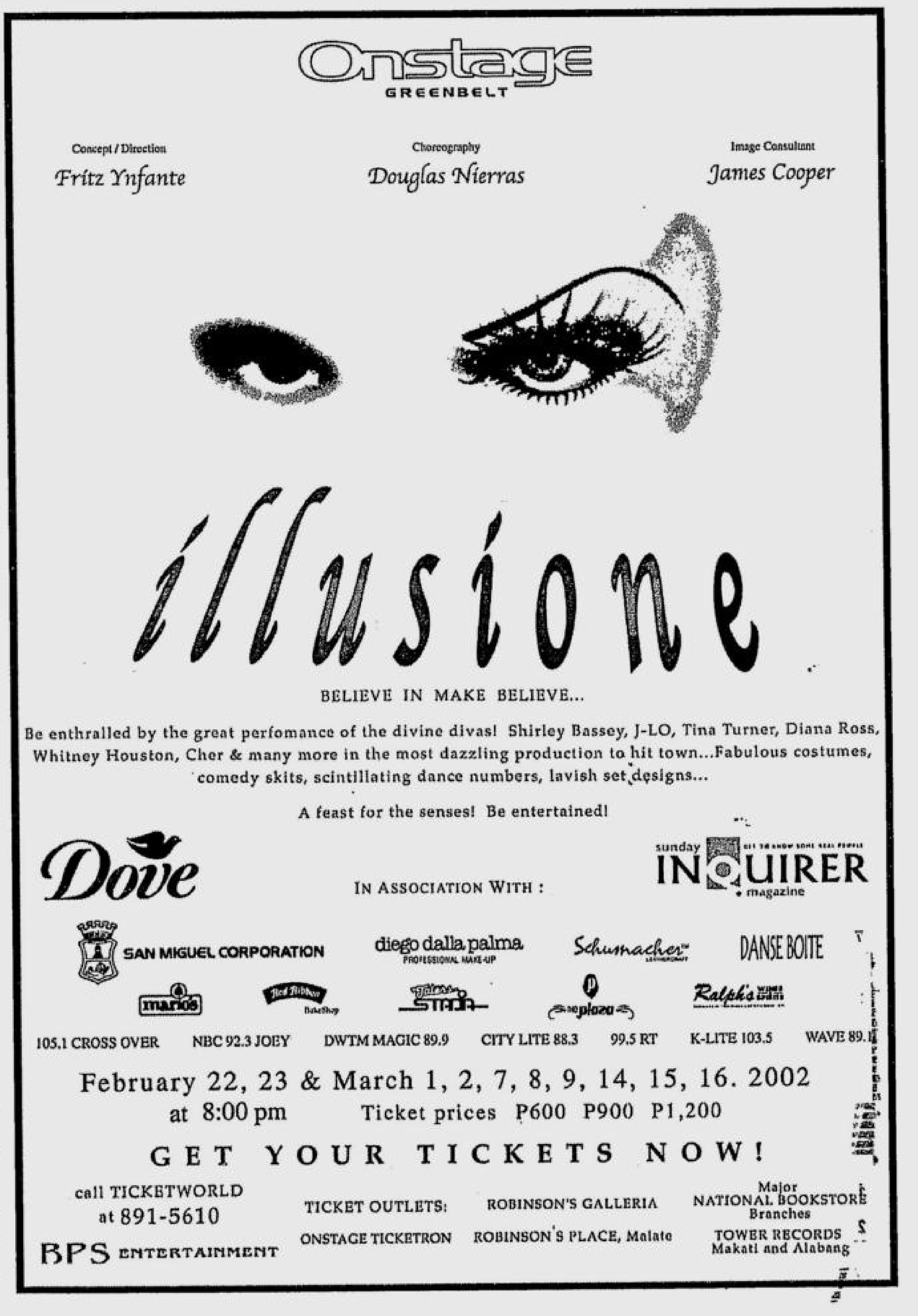
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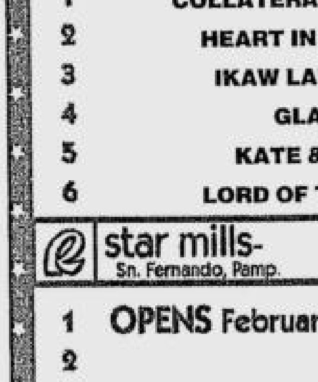

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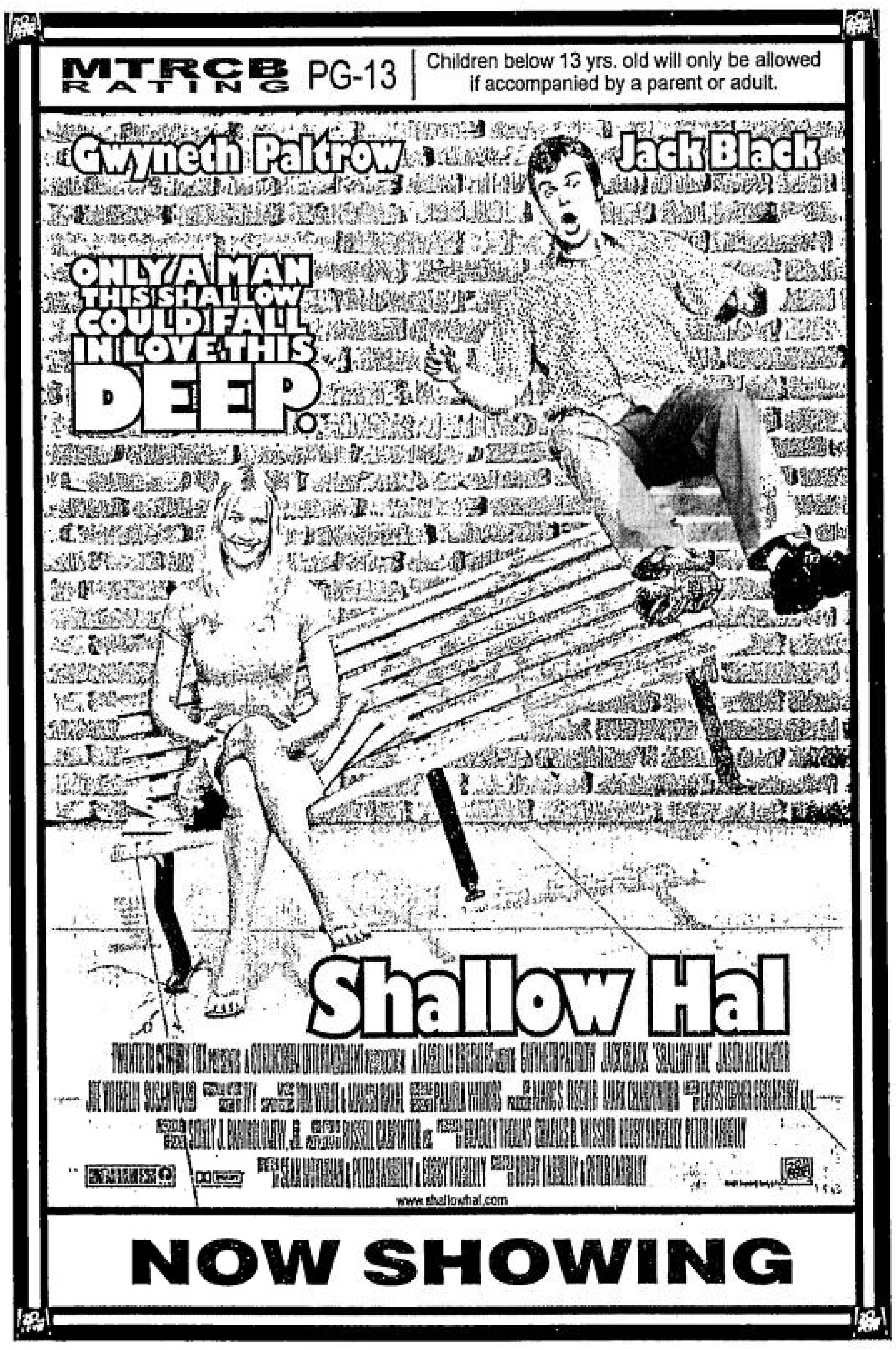

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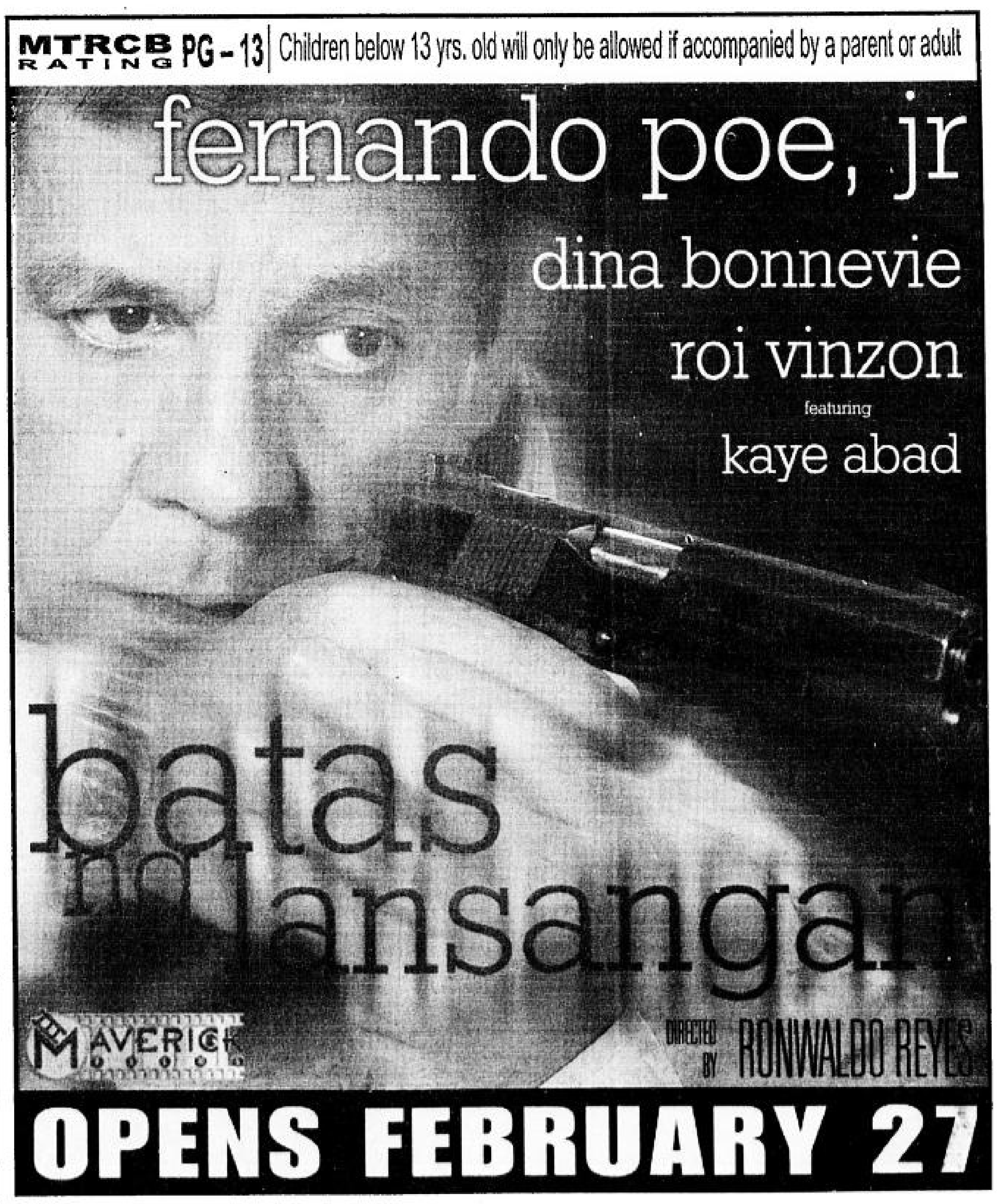

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NOWHERE TO HIDE boasts a red-hot cast of Korea's top actors: international actor Park Joong-Hoon, veteran actor Ahn Sung-Ki, along with young talents Jang Dung-Kun and Choi Ji-Woo.

Only the recently relaxed censorship in Korea allowed for Lee to make a film with such violently portrayed policemen. Nonetheless, he says the police closely monitored the film while it was being made.

NOWHERE TO HIDE was featured at the 2000 Sundance Film Festival, and at the Museum of Modern Art/Film Society of Lincoln Centers 2000 New Directors/New Films festival in New York City.
Language: Korean with English Sub-titles

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Films of Abaya, Lamangan . . .

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They sang "Papa Can You Hear Me," "The Way He Makes Me Feel" and "A Piece of Sky."

For her encores, Kuh did two more beautiful Legrand pieces—"The Summer Knows" from the soundtrack of "Summer of 42" and "Summer Me, Winter Me."

For abandoned babies

IT'S great to know that even on Sundays, there are night haunts, like Dish at Rockwell's Powerplant Mall, that are open.

At 9 tonight, Dish will host a special charity performance of different band members and solo artists making up an all-star lineup for Cribs, a shelter for abandoned and indigent babies.

The list of performers include **Ogie Alcasid, Calvin Millado, Radha** formerly of Kulay Band, **Dessa, Jenine Desiderio, Juan Miguel Salvador** and **Marissa Buñag** of Rage Band, Time and a Half, Wiseguys, Pido With Take One and many others.

This is not the first time Dish concocted a charity event. Last month, more than a dozen stars acted as bartenders in the "Celebrity Cocktails Dish Out," a brainchild of Dish owners **Philip Cu-Unjieng, EJ Litton** and **Ricky Dee**.

The one-night bash saw the likes **Martin Nievera, Diether Ocampo, Vina Morales, Troy Montero, Victor Neri, G Toengi, Angel Aquino** and **Assunta de Rossi** taking orders, mixing pouring and serving drinks all for the sake of fun and charity.

Beneficiary of the event was the Kabalikat Buhay Foundation for the poor, street children, abused kids, juvenile delinquents, unwed mothers, the elderly and the disabled.

In April, Philip said Dish will host another charity event as a benefit for Habitat for Humanity Foundation.

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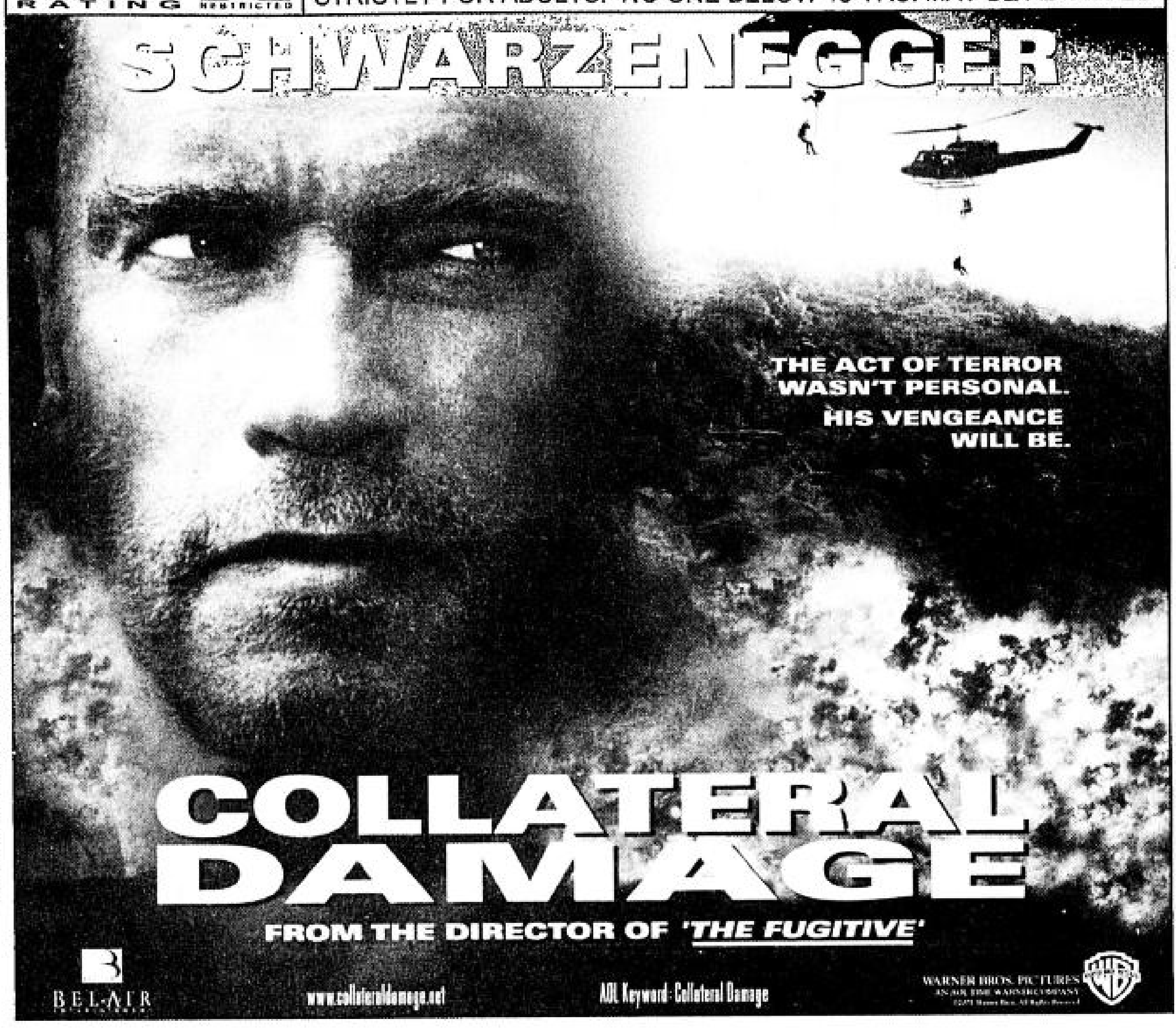
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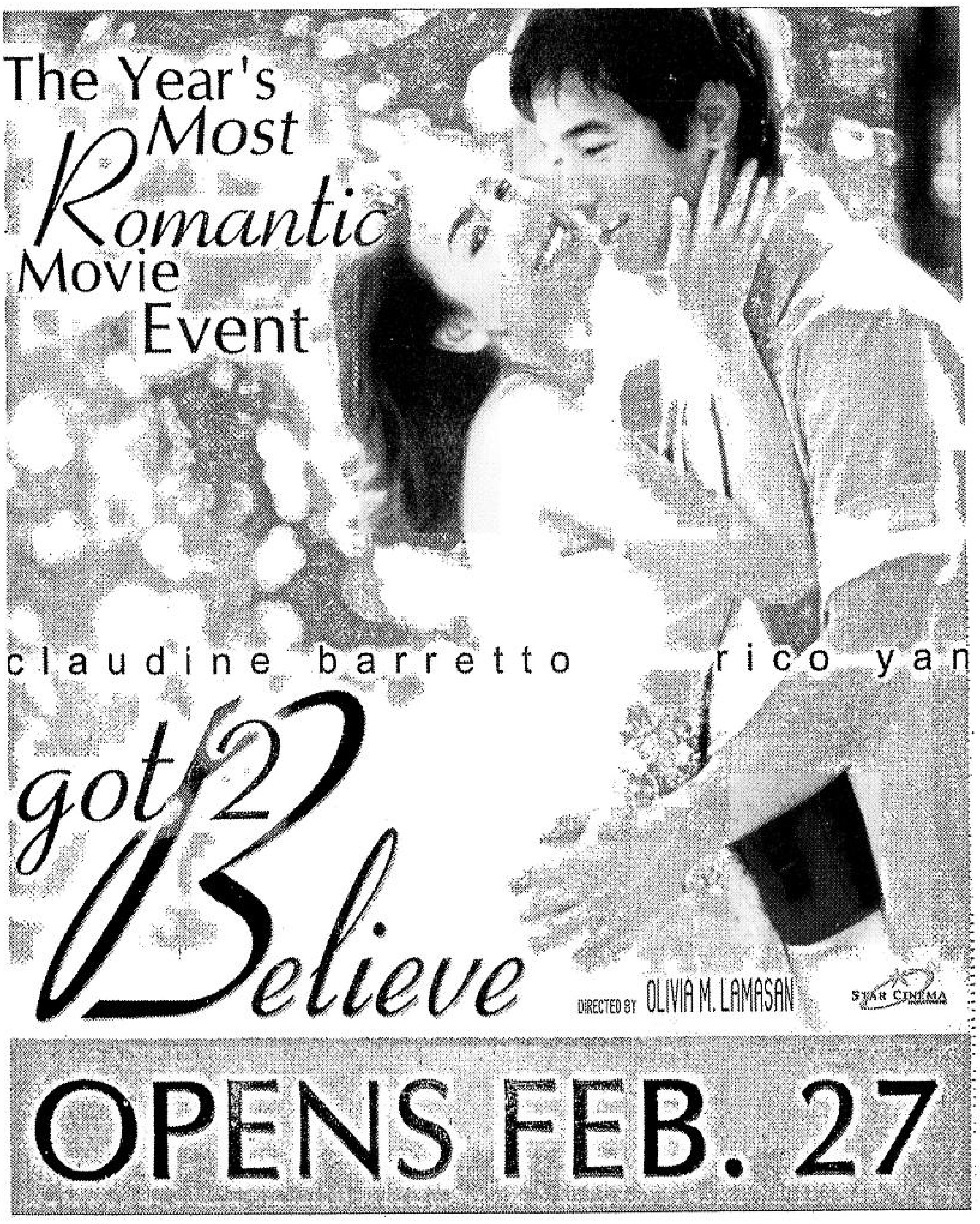
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'John Q' hits a raw nerve

THE NEW film, "John Q," stars **Denzel Washington** as a father who holds a hospital's emergency room hostage in order to save the life of his critically ill son. The movie has become controversial in the States because it is against HMOs, the big providers of medical insurance, because the production believes that their stringent rules prevent them from providing real medical help when and where it is needed most.

Thus, the film shows how Washington's character keeps getting turned down as he pleads his son's case, until he is forced to take the last option available to him if he wants his son to live. He barricades the emergency room and doesn't lower his guard until his son has been saved.

The film shows the public supporting Washington's move, and people watching the movie have been similarly and vocally supportive. This development has made HMOs look like villains, so they are fighting back with a publicity campaign to counter their negative image.

They are calling for a national dialogue to discuss the issues raised by the movie and other critics. They're worried because the film's very title, "John Q," is a shorter version of "John Q. Public," which subliminally suggests that Washington's beleaguered character represents all "ordinary" Americans.

To balance the picture, some reviewers laud the movie for its engaged attitude, but fault it for being too shrill in pushing its political message above all else, thus overly simplifying the complex issues involved.

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Family-friendly TV shows

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

THE SOUTHEAST Asian Foundation for Children's Television has announced the TV programs that have been chosen Anak TV Seal winners for 2001 because they are family-friendly. The programs will henceforth bear the coveted seal of approval for good televiewing:

The Anak TV Seal winners: "Simba," "Sailormoon" and "Touched by An Angel" on ABC 5; "Pahina," "Simsala Grimm," "Epol/Apple," "Math Tinik," "Sine'skwela," "Hirayamanuwari" and "Bayani" on ABS-CBN; "Sesame Street," "Blue's Clues," "5 & Up," "Chikiting Patrol," "LG Digital Quiz Show," "Koko Kwak Kwak," "Batang Batibot" and "Teletubbies" on GMA; "Hapi Kung Healthy" on IBC; "Ocean Girl" on NET 25, and "Barney and Superfriends" on RPN.

Two thousand jurors from all over the country comprising a cross-section of Philippine Society drew up a shortlist of worthy programs, which were then elevated to a higher jury composed of 150 child psychologists, artists, teachers, parents, communicator, etc. Final concurrence was made by the SEAFCTV board.

It is hoped that advertisers will support these shows, to encourage other producers to similarly come up with programs that make for good, values-laden viewing for youth and family TV audiences alike.

'Sa Duyan ng Sining'

At 3 p.m. today, Feb. 24 on RPN-9, "Sa Duyan ng Sining," a documentary by Jesuit Communications, will feature the lives and works of some prominent Filipino artists—**Kidlat Tahimik**, **Levi Celerio**, **Julie Lluch**, **Leonor Orosa Goquingco** and **Lucio San Pedro**.

Credits: **Pauline Mangilog**, director-scriptwriter; **Jam Bonoan**, producer-scriptwriter; **Lee Meily**, director of photography; **Teret Pena**, offline editor, and **Dave Hukom** and **Gucci Rez**, creative editors and designers.

Feedback

FROM **Arzee P. Oledan** of Baguio City: "I was fascinated by what you wrote about film archives and film clubs. How can we ordinary film lovers get involved in such developments?"

NUT's Notes: Film archives take a lot of money to set up, but we can still help in our own way by scouting around for overlooked copies of old Filipino films, and informing film groups like the Film Development Foundation of the Philippines, the Film Academy of the Philippines, the PIA, or the Society of Film Archivists about them.

Quite a number of prints of old movies have been retrieved from the stockrooms of old moviehouses in the provinces, so if you know anybody who owns an old theater, ask permission to look around, and perhaps you'll discover a neglected film gem.

As for film clubs, they're more manageable, especially if they make use of the videotape format. First gather enough tapes of excellent films, both foreign and local; find a big room; get a big TV set and VCR; interest 100 people to join your film club; invite resource speakers to discuss and analyze the films on view, and ask for donations to pay for expenses. Good luck!

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Abaya, Lamangan, Diaz films submitted for competition, screening in Cannes

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

THE FRENCH Embassy in Manila submitted three local films for screening in the 55th Cannes Film Festival to be held in May: **Marilou Diaz-Abaya**'s "Bagong Buwan," **Joel Lamangan**'s "Hubog" and **Lav Diaz**'s "Batang Westside" for competition, with "Hubog" also submitted to the Directors' Fortnight for exhibition.

In previous years, directors and producers went directly to the organizers. This year, the entries were all coursed through the French Embassy and were sent by diplomatic pouch to the Cannes organizers.

Two years ago, independent filmmaker **Raymond Red** won the coveted Palme d'Or for best film and the Jury Prize at Cannes for his 35mm film, "Anino."

The film, which deals with the struggles of a small-time church photographer in Manila, stars veteran movie actor **Eddie Garcia**, with **John Arcilla** and **Ronnie Lazaro**.

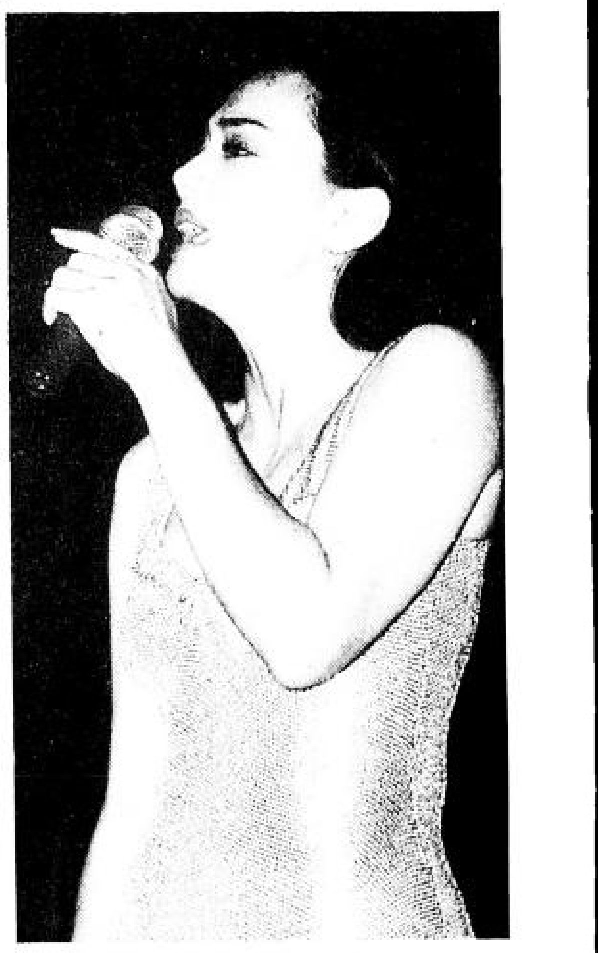
After **Mike de Leon** and **Lino Brocka**, a number of filmmakers tried hard to get into the Cannes Filmfest, but their efforts were in vain.

Brocka's "Jaguar," starring **Phillip Salvador**, made it to the competition in 1980, while "Bona," starring **Nora Aunor** and Phillip, was shown in the Directors' Fortnight that same year.

In 1982, De Leon's "Kisapmata" and "Batch '81" were screened in the Directors' Fortnight.

Now with the French Embassy's assistance, more filmmakers stand a chance of making it to Cannes.

Kuh sings Legrand



LEDESMA. Vocal prowess and elegance

THE SONGS of **Michel Legrand** have often been part of the repertoire of **Kuh Ledesma**. In many of her previous concerts, Kuh never failed to do at least a Legrand song. And of course, the **Barbra Streisand** songs composed by Legrand also make it to Kuh's lineup.

So when she was tapped to perform in Legrand's two-night Valentine shows at the PICC, Kuh was thrilled. She was meeting the legendary Legrand.

Some people said **Regine Velasquez**, **Lani Misalucha** or **Zsa Zsa Padilla** should have been the performer instead of Kuh. But personally, I couldn't have thought of a better choice than Kuh.

During the Legrand show, Kuh displayed not only her vocal prowess but also her elegance. She was radiant in those **Pepito Albert** gowns. And each time she came onstage, the audience went "oooh" and "aaah."

Kuh did a duet with Legrand in "How Do You Keep the Music Playing."

INQUIRER publisher **Isagani Yambot** noted Kuh did a "hair-raising" rendition of "I Will Wait for You," from the musical "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg."

My seatmate, **Ivy Mendoza**, swooned over Kuh's version of "On My Way To You," which is Ivy's favorite song. The lyrics are indeed beautiful: *"If I had changed a single day, what went amiss or went astray, I may have never found my way to you . . . I would not change a thing that happened on my way to you."*

Kuh did two more solos—"Little Boy Lost" and "His Eyes, Her Eyes."

With Legrand, she did a medley from the Streisand movie, "Yentl," for which Legrand won the Academy Award for best musical score.

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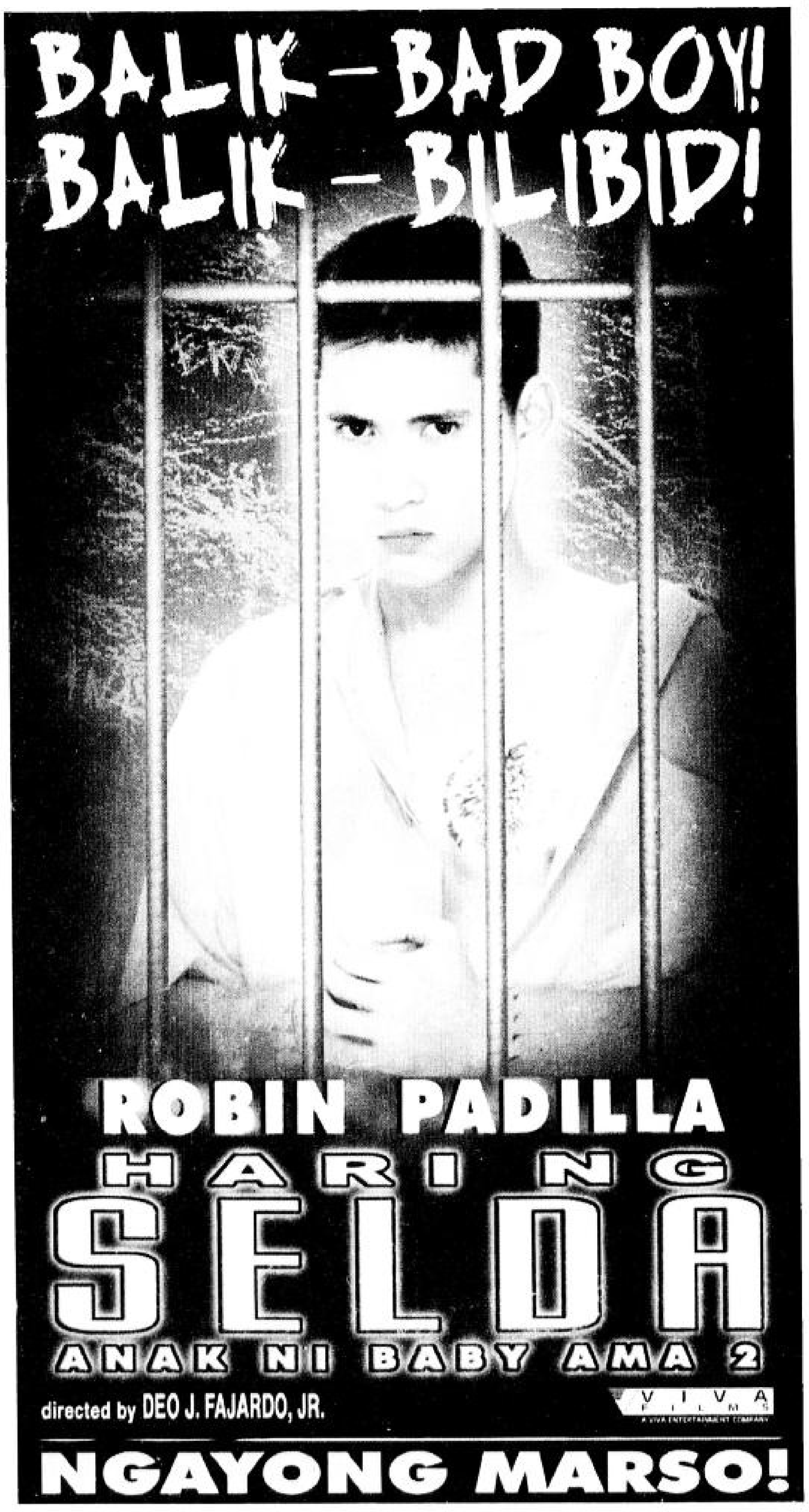

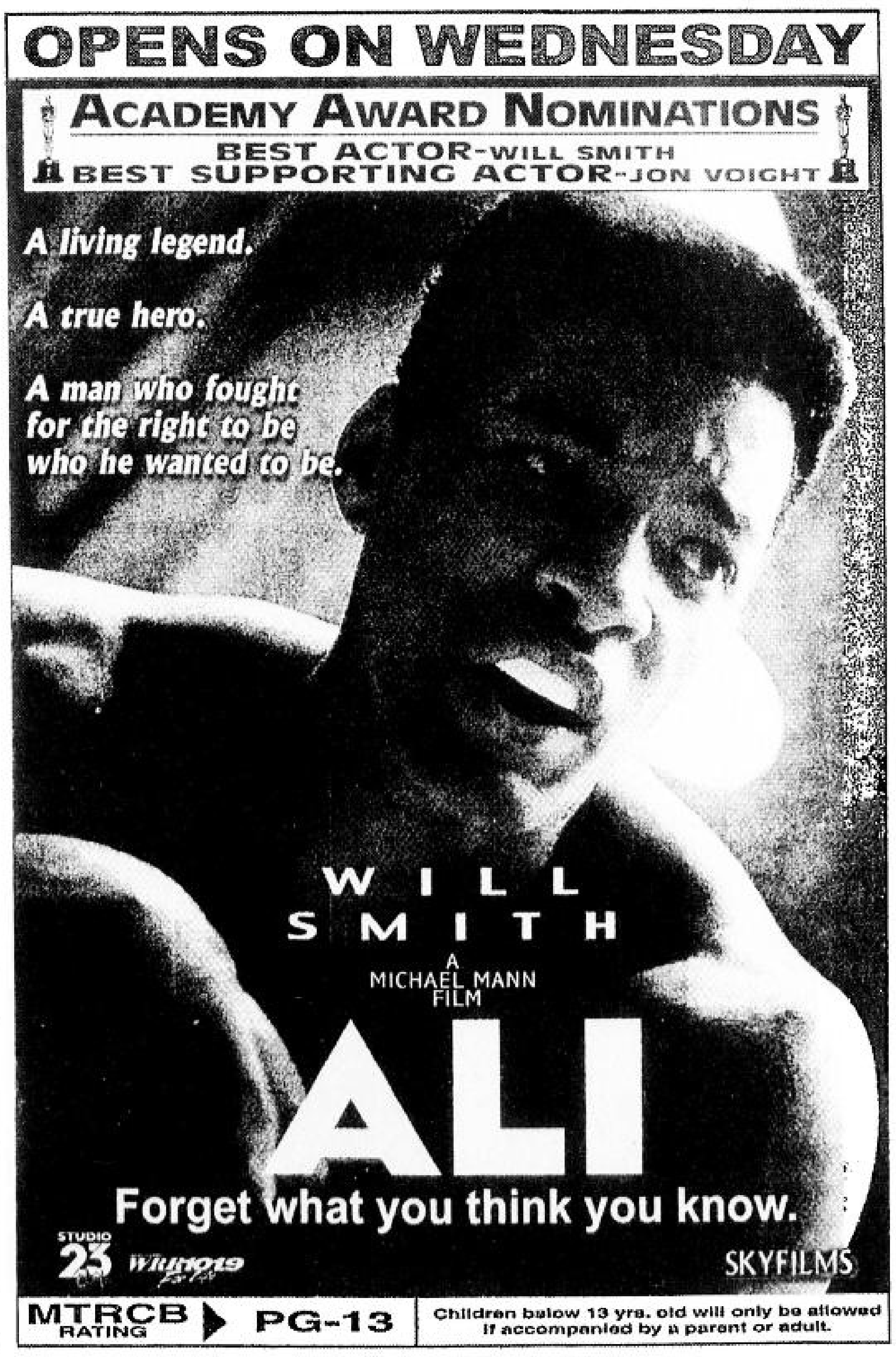
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Editor **Louie C. Camino**

Manila brings back June film festival

MANILA Mayor Lito Atienza is reviving the Manila Film Festival this year after a two-year hiatus.

Atienza last Friday said the decision to bring back the country's oldest and most prestigious film festival, first organized during the time of the late Mayor Antonio Villegas, was reached during a meeting held earlier last week at the Manila City Hall.

Atienza presided over the meeting. Among those present were Vic Del Rosario of Viva Films, producer Armida Siguion-Reyna and her director son Carlitos Siguion-Reyna of Reyna Films, directors Gil Portes, Mario de los Reyes and Nick de Ocampo, UP film professor Roland Tolentino, former Senate president and Ambassador Ernesto Maceda as well as representatives of theater owners and theater booking agents.

"We are reviving the film festival to help the local movie industry by encouraging the public to patronize local films," Atienza said.

"However, we also made it clear to them that we want quality films that have redeeming qualities and will contribute to value formation especially among the youth."

This year's Manila Film Festival is scheduled for June 12 to June 24, featuring a maximum of five films.

Atienza said that to ensure the quality of the entries, a screening committee headed by Lito Banayo, consultant to the Manila mayor, has been created.

The other members of the screening committee are Councilors Kim Atienza, Miles Roces, Lou Veloso and Marjun Isidro, Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila president Benjamin Tayabas, Ric Camaligan of SM Cinemas, Philippson Chua of Gotesco and talent manager June Rufino.

The deadline for the submission of scripts is 5 p.m. on March 1, 2002.

The scripts should be submitted to the Office of acting Manila city administrator Ma. Lourdes Isip on the second floor of the Manila City Hall.

Interested parties may contact Che Che Mascano or Racquel Gutierrez at 527-5004.

Councilor Kim Atienza of the city's 5th district, who is also the city council president pro tempore, announced that the ordinance authored by Councilor Roces of the 3rd district has been approved on second reading.

The ordinance reduces by half the 30-percent amusement tax on ticket sales of local films shown in Manila moviehouses.

The measure will be approved on third and final reading and will be ready for signing by Atienza within a week's time, according to the mayor's councilor son.

The Manila Film Festival executive committee, also chaired by Atienza, includes Maceda, Secretary to the Mayor Emmanuel Sison, Banayo, former councilor Ernesto Dionisio, Isip, councilors Roces and Veloso, city legal officer Melchor Monsod, Tayabas, Manila Tourism Council acting chief Ma. Corazon Tamayo, Chua of the Metro Manila Theater Association, Camaligan of SM Cinemas, Prof. Gigi Alfonso of the UP College of Mass Communications, actress Caridad Sanchez, Rufino, Mario Borlongan of Nation Broadcasting Corp. and entertainment columnist and TV host Butch Francisco.

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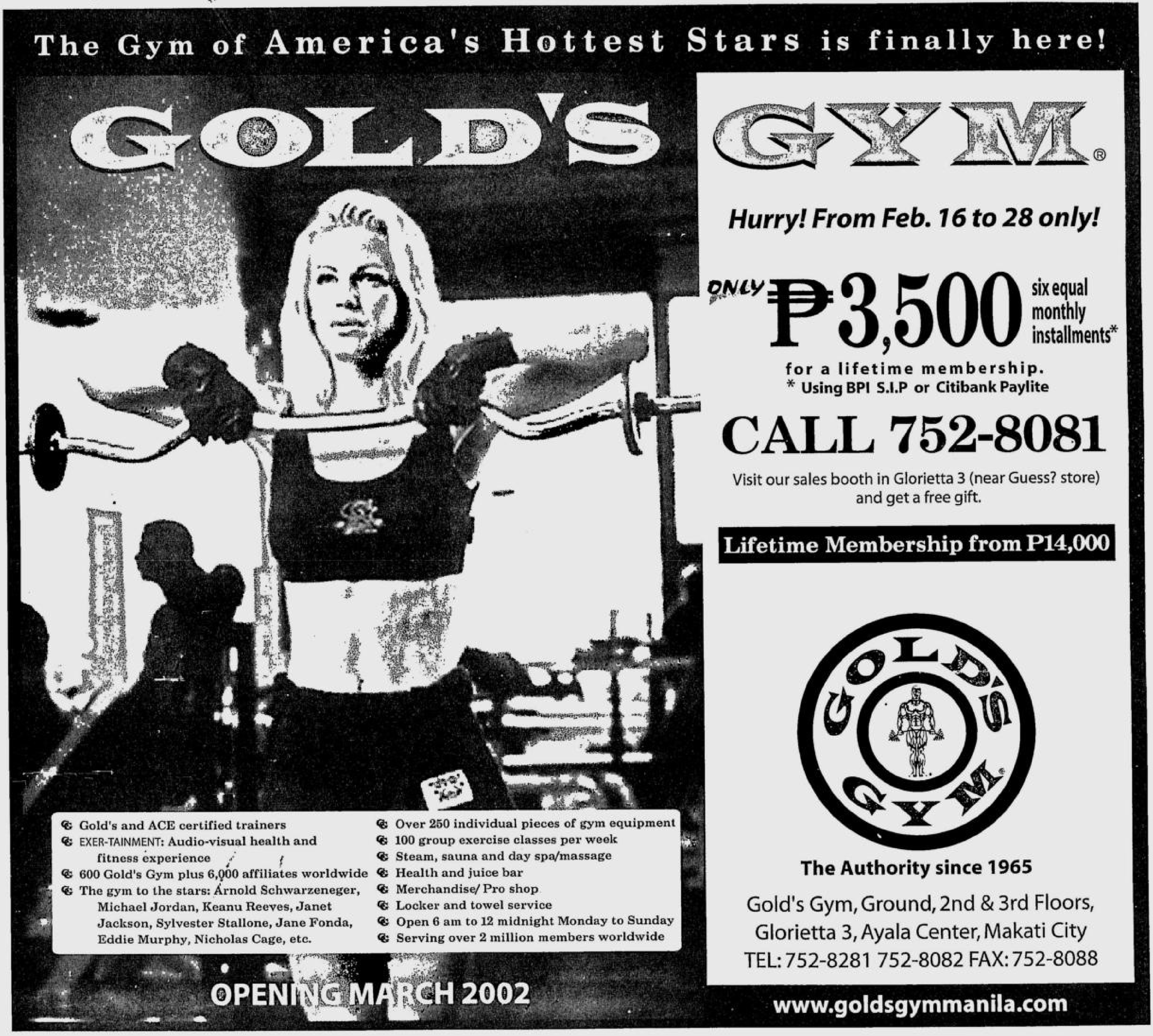
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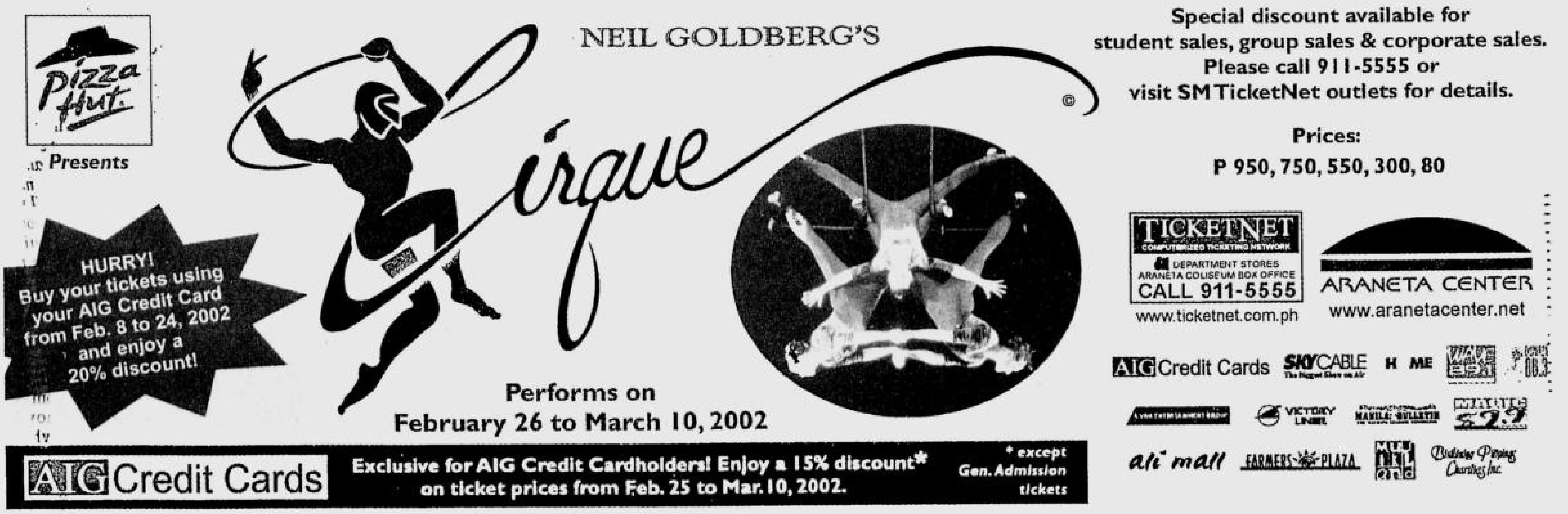
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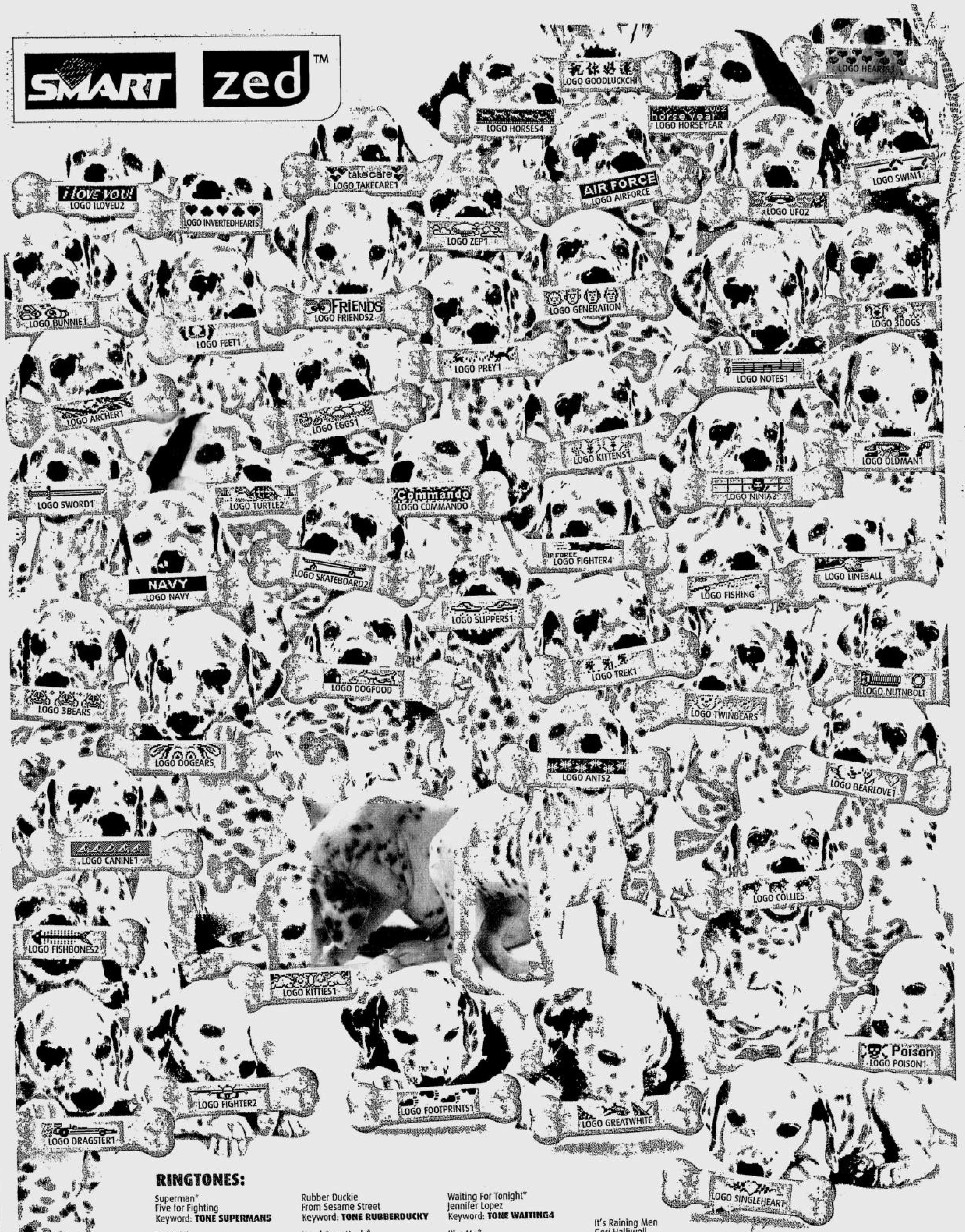
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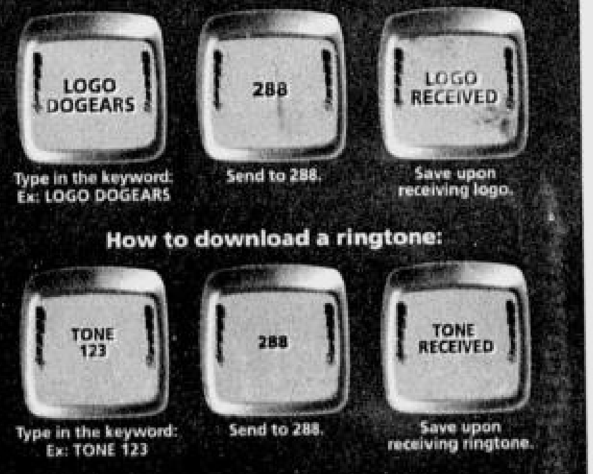
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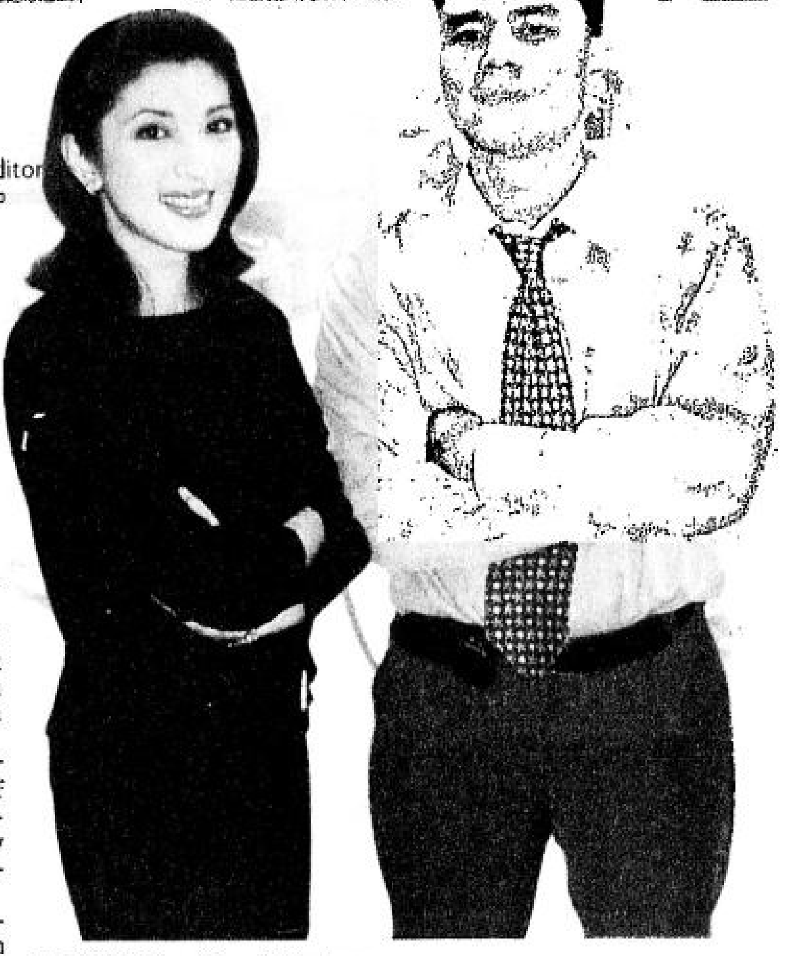


CRICKETTE and Donnie Tantoco

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

HE washed dishes for three months straight with no pay. When he finally got his $500 paycheck, he blew it all off in one night.

When he developed an allergy from all the washing, his father had to pay for the hospital bill which cost much more than $500.

One would think that Bienvenido Tantoco III, more known as Donnie to friends, did not have to wash dishes at all as he is the grandson of Gliceria and Bienvenido Tantoco who introduced quality goods and high-end brands in the country.

After 50 years, Rustan's remains the store to go to for goods with elan.

Donnie, however, said that they were all encouraged to work and not to simply live a life of luxury and ease. He started working as a dishwasher in a small restaurant while taking up Economics at the Connecticut College in New London in the United States in 1984. He was paid $3.30 an hour.

Donnie was only 18 at that time and recalls spending all his money bar hopping with his Filipino friends including Anton Lagdameo (husband of actress Dawn Zulueta). He ended up paying the drinks of his friends and their dates.

The skin allergy put an end to his dishwashing career so he left the restaurant and worked in the family's buying office in New York where he had a warehousing job, packing boxes. His uncle paid him $500 a month.

THE YOUNG couple spending the cool months in the US.

"My grandmother wanted us to know retail. She exposed us to the different parts of the business," Donnie explains.

It was not, however, the only reason why he stayed in New York.

"I was courting my wife (the former Catherine "Crickette" Yu) when I was in college. I went to New York as often as I could to make her notice me," he says.

Donnie and Crickette first met in Manila as blind dates to a prom. The two met again after a few years in New York. Crickette was studying political science at Marymount College at that time.

He juggled studies, work and courtship and seemed to manage well enabling him to land on the dean's list in college.

Donnie says he is not a spender, even if he did spend his first paycheck in one night. He says he is not even a night person.

"I was a saver until I got married, then it became difficult," Donnie says.

People close to him say however he is a gadgets person and when he shops for these, he ends up with more shopping bags than his wife.

From the buying office in New York, Donnie did not take the next logical step and get a higher position in the family business. He saw the need to first gain experience in other companies, so he got a summer job in Bloomingdale's, one of the largest department store chain in the US, as a sales associate, right after college.

Crickette, on the other hand, was working part time for retailer Ann Taylor where she earned $4.50 an hour. Her first major buy was a winter coat for $200.

She eventually became a management trainee and her salary rose to $17,500 a year by the time she left Ann Taylor and joined Saks as the manager in charge of the store's visuals. She then transferred to the customer service desk of Tiffanys where she handled the rich folks' complaints. She got $6.50 an hour for her troubles.

Donnie and Crickette seemed all set on building their careers in the United States but Donnie's grandparents had other ideas. His grandfather invited him to join the family business while his grandmother invited Crickette.

They got married in 1989 and Donnie says they reported to work two days after. "We got married on a Saturday. We started working on a Monday."

Donnie became general manager and managing director of Bondview Resources (HK) Ltd. between 1989 and 1991. Bondview was a Tantoco firm that made artificial plants.

In Bondview he revived the ailing artificial landscaping operation of the firm within one year of taking over management. Revenues grew threefold and profits increased to HK$400,000 in 1989 from a net loss of HK$2.1 million in 1988.

He developed and spearheaded a bold strategy to shift core business focus from retail to untapped institutional niche markets.

By summer of 1991, Donnie was accepted at the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management of the Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. During that time he had twin girls and he brought them all to the US.

He took up his master's degree in management and majored in marketing, accounting and organizational behavior.

The summer of the following year he was a brand management intern for Diet Pepsi.

He developed a stand-alone marketing plan to test the viability of a flavored Diet Pepsi base cola product.

He represented Diet Pepsi's interest with the Database marketing team in the design and evaluation of his test so that it provided the information the group needs to launch a New 1993 "Convert-A-Million" Coke Drinkers campaign.

His contributions made him the sole recipient of the Pepsi MBA scholarship in 1992.

In Pepsi, he was getting $65,000 a year but he only stayed four months because General Mills Inc. offered him $70,000 a year plus a house in Minneapolis.

At General Mills, makers of Betty Crocker, he was assistant marketing manager for Hamburger Helper, one of the firm's products.

At the food firm, he implemented the "Real Good, Feel Good" campaign, a major program designed to rejuvenate sales of the $400-million Core Hamburger Helper Brand.

He was part of a three-man team tasked with conceptualizing a plan to counteract the defection of core users to the Sloppy Joe alternatives.

By this time, Donnie and Crickette and their daughters were living the American dream—nice house and car.

But the Tantocos had other plans and they needed the young couple to join the family business.

Like dutiful children, they dropped their comfortable life and returned to Manila, actually in Subic. In 1993 he was made general manager of the Royal Duty Free Shops where he established the Tantocos' duty free retail operations in Subic and Clark.

Donnie admits he did not get the peso equivalent of his General Mills salary but he did well. He established the group as the leader in both free ports through the many boom and bust periods of the country.

Soon he was placed in charge of corporate planning of Rustan Commercial Corp., the flagship firm of the Tantocos.

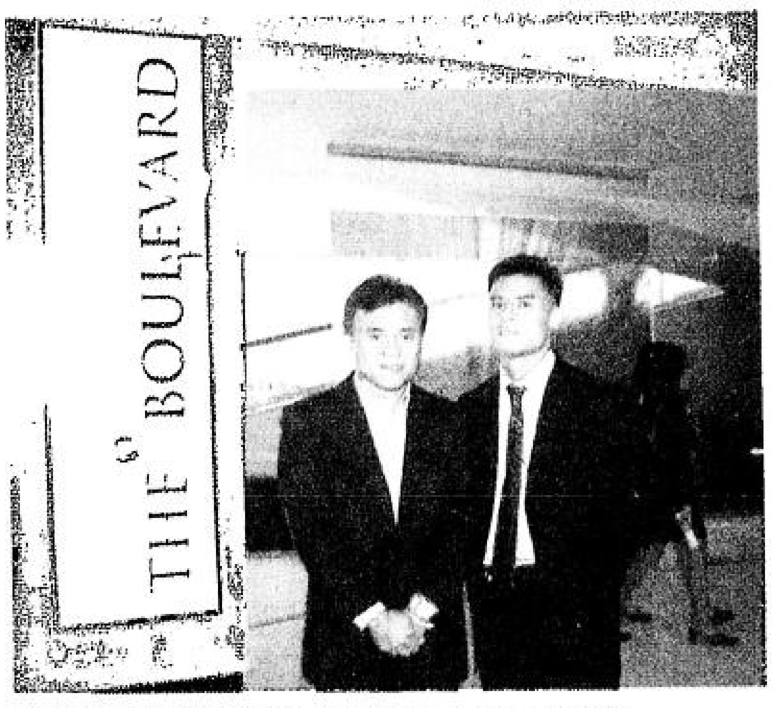
At RCC he handled the negotiations and discussions with Rustan's foreign partners. He successfully obtained the master franchise of Starbucks for the group.

He also initiated an organizational change integration program and initiated new program to development logistics and information management capabilities.

By 1998, his grandfather, Ambassador Tantoco asked him to head the group's new venture—Shopwise, the country's first supercenter under Rustan Supercenters Inc., where he is the general manger.

Donnie was involved in the conceptualization and development of Shopwise, now with three branches.

He admits that he wishes he could have worked longer outside the family business. But he knows too that even without the Tantoco conglomerate, he would have done well in any venture he went into.



DONNIE with dad Rico at the new Shopwise store in Libis.

FLASHBACK

DONNIE Tantoco's first job was in 1984. The exchange rate then was P19.76:$1. His pay was $3.30 an hour, which was actually below the minimum wage in the US at that time of $3.35.

Major events that year included the murder of Indira Gandhi, the escape of poison gas from Union Carbide in Bhopal, India and the AIDS break out.

That was also the year of the LA Olympics.

The favorite dating place of Donnie and Crickette Tantoco was the Sign of the Dove, a fine dining place in Central Park. They would also hang out at the Village in New York and the Plaza Hotel.

Hit songs in 1984 included Culture Club's "Karma Chameleon," Kenny Loggins' "Foot Loose," Phil Collins' "Against All Odds," and Duran Duran's "The Reflex."

The top 10 movies of the year included Beverly Hills Cop, Footloose, Ghostbusters, Gremlins, Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom, The Karate Kid.

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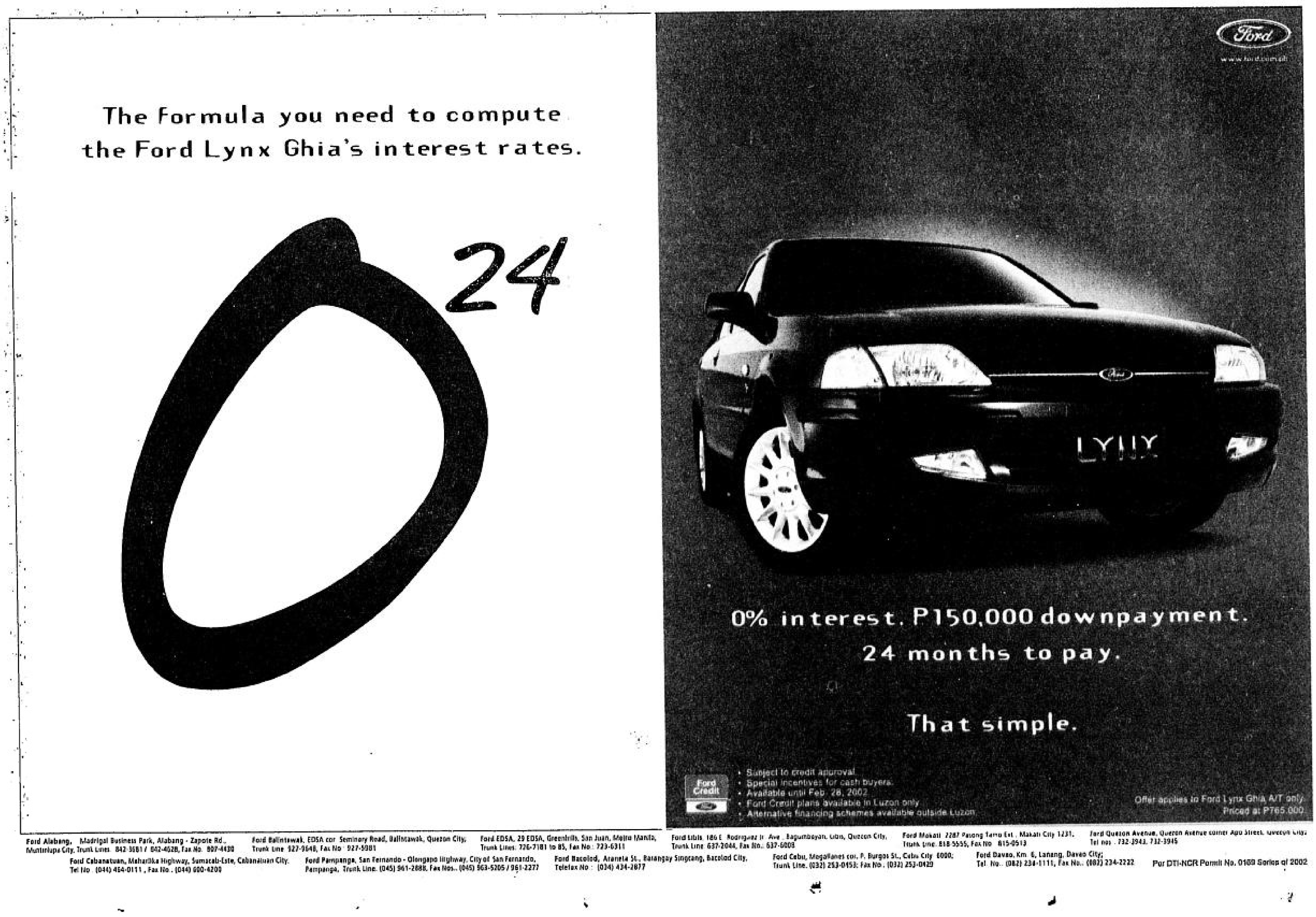
THE YOUNG lovers circa 1988.



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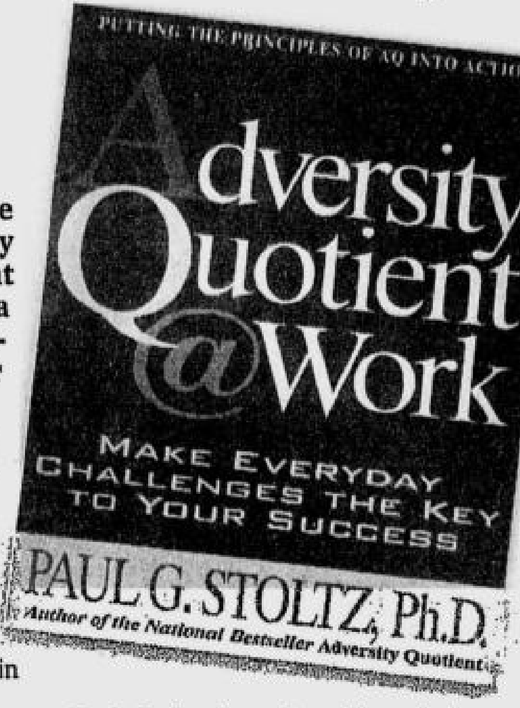
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EXECUTIVE READ

We have seen them at work and at play. One individual receives news of a problem, and he responds: "This comes with the territory; so we might as well face up to it." Another would exclaim: "Woe to me; this problem will grow so big that I won't be able to handle it."

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For example, he underscores the need to be re-trained to deal with adversity better, and so he says: "You must upgrade your human operating system to remain viable and strong."

CORE

One enlightening part of the book is his discussion of the CORE dimensions of your Adversity Quotient—which include Control, Ownership, Reach and Endurance.

What makes the discussion interesting is his addition of new goals, for example, for training. He adds to the skills of problem solving and decision-making the goal of "team resilience."

Prof. Stoltz draws from his varied experience with many companies as he explains why "most people communicate and behave poorly when adversity strikes." A person loses clarity, focus, direction and perspective, he says. Many people have been given to "unproductive outbursts," he points out.

We need to be "rewired," he suggests, theorizing that we have been "hardwired" when we were younger. The way we respond is influenced by the way people we saw in our early years responded to adversity—and "we somehow acquired a pattern."

The appeal of using Adversity Quotient as a motivator and a liberating system stems from many findings that AQ is a good "predictor of sales performance," Stoltz says.

The entire human body responds as one brain to adversity. The author demolishes the "myth of the human machine." We are a "highly networked system," he declares. "The brain does not exist just in our head.

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Response ability

The book has chapters and sections for individuals and for team leaders who wish to lead their teams toward having better "response-ability," meaning better control of their responses.

The discussion on AQ's CORE dimensions. will prove most helpful.

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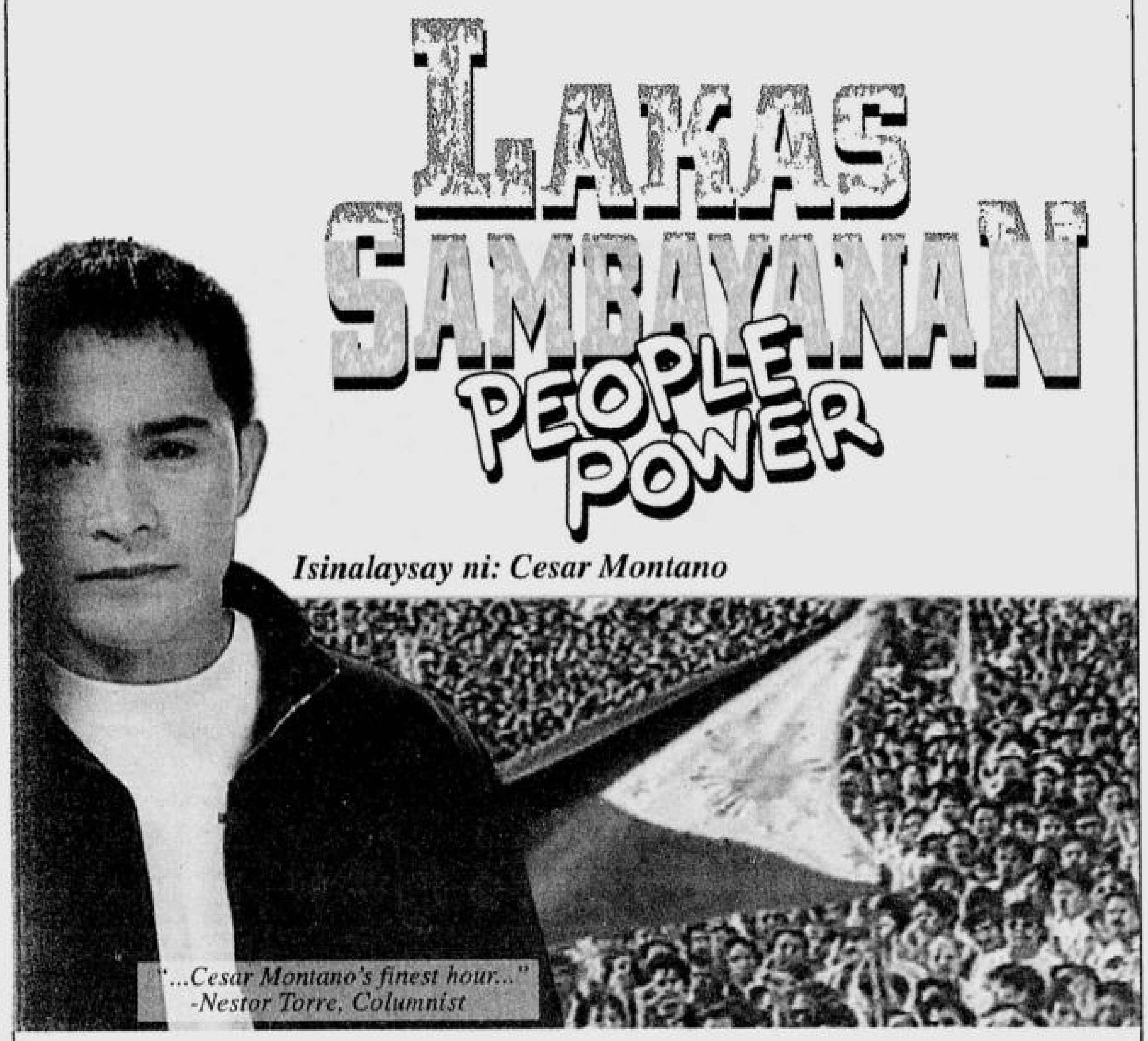

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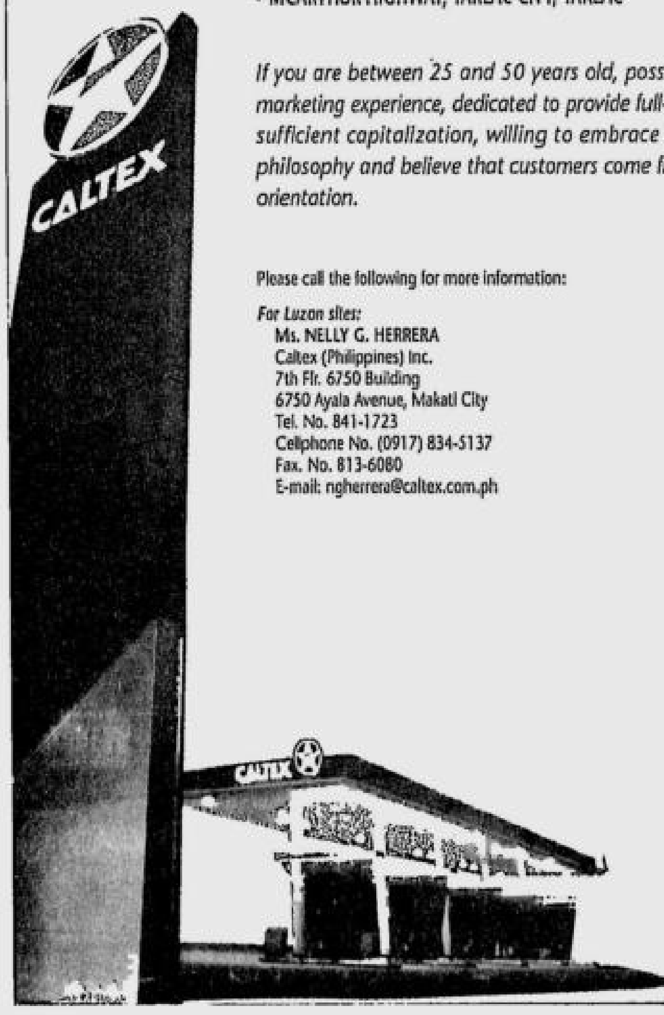

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Camarines Sur gov't goes entrepreneurial

By Juan Escandor Jr.
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PILI, Camarines Sur—Many people were surprised when Gov. Luis R. Villafuerte of Camarines Sur expanded the original 16-hectare provincial capitol site, where the offices of the provincial government are located, to 118 hectares.

But with the transformation of the site into a capitol complex that became not merely a seat of governance but also a well-planned community with varied projects and facilities that have entrepreneurial direction, they have found the answer—to their satisfaction and delight.

Various opportunities have opened up not only to render diversified public services but also to engage in entrepreneurial activities that are generating income for the provincial government here.

Landscape nursery

In 1996, Villafuerte established a landscape nursery with the aim of propagating flowering plants, ornamentals, shrubs, vines and trees intended to maintain continuous stocks of landscaping materials.

The establishment of the landscape nursery targeted some 1,001 species of flowering plants with the conscious direction of growing these into quantities to supply possible businesses that the provincial government could go into like flower and plant shops.

In due time, the capitol complex became a haven of flowering plants like orchids, anthuriums and chrysanthemums.

All these efforts of propagating the flowering plants have cost the provincial government at least P3 million. In return, however, these have become revenue generating.

In 2001, the provincial government of Camarines Sur has begun to market the varieties of flowering plants in stock. While the net income is still relatively small, it is expected to grow as the years go by.

Aside from these gains in income, the propagation of flowering plants and establishment of ornamental projects have yielded another positive result—suddenly the capitol complex is now a haven of butterflies.

Furthermore, the ornamental horticulture industry in Camarines Sur has emerged, which has been complemented with a tree-planting program not only to propagate shade trees but also to grow special variety of trees that are natural habitats for birds.

Bird sanctuary

With these developments, the capitol complex has become a sanctuary of birds in the wild where food and shelter of 24 different species of resident and migratory birds have been identified to be regular visitors to the area.

Added to these species of birds are several species in captivity.

Beginning this year, two aviaries have been constructed to house various species of exotic birds. And to maintain the bird population, the provincial government has decided to organize an aviculture group that will engage in breeding of birds for commercial sales.

Villafuerte has earmarked an initial investment of P300,000 to start a bird-breeding project, which will expand even as it is still in the initial stage to generate additional revenues and at the same time, earning the provincial government a new learning experience in aviculture as a business.

Fruit tree project

Spread around the vast capitol complex grounds are 486 fruit-bearing mango trees, which are expected to produce from April to May.

At least another P1 million in gross income can be expected from the harvest of mango fruits.

Eighteen months ago, Villafuerte allocated an area here for an orchard where at least 101 different species of fruit trees with a minimum of five plants for every species of fruit will be propagated.

The collection of fruit tree species includes rambotan, chico, atis, pomelo, custard apple, guapple, lychee, black berry, Brazil berry, malabar chestnut, pili, durian, atemoya, guava, abiu, mabulo, makopa, longan, rimas, santol and mangosteen, among many others.

Villafuerte, who calls the fruit tree project "Fruitopia," said that after the experimental period, this project would be expanded to a 10-hectare orchard.

Fish sanctuary

Endowed with a 3-kilometer creek that surrounds the capitol complex, and the Marapong River that traverses the area, the provincial government of Camarines Sur has converted these waterways into a fish sanctuary.

This has also transformed the waterways inside the complex into breeding grounds of red and nilotica tilapia, different species of carp such as common, silver, bighead and Indian ruho.

The provincial government now allows hook-and-line fishing for visitors for a reasonable fee. In addition, four large fishponds have been established to entertain tourists who opt to do leisurely fishing.

These fishponds are stocked with red tilapia, mudfish, catfish and carp.

A project study is now ongoing to have grow-out tanks for marine fishes that visitors here may wish to cook in a newly constructed capitol restaurant.

And this is another revenue-generating project within the capitol complex.

Aquarium fish breeding

Another ongoing project that steadily provides the provincial government a regular income is the aquarium fish-breeding project.

At the local market, aquarium fish command high prices. At present, within a half-hectare area, 23 concrete tanks and 27 hatcheries and grow out ponds are already operational.

In addition to these facilities for breeding aquarium fishes are 80 indoor glass tanks that are temporarily housed in one of the buildings here.

Forty-one of these glass tanks are used as display of fishes for sale, another 35 tanks for breeding and four tanks are used as treatment or "hospital" facilities.

As of the latest count, the provincial government has an accumulated stock of over 1,700 breeders and thousands of fries and fingerlings of exotic aquarium fishes.

These include 386 black and silver mollies, 448 red tuxedo veil tails and common guppies and 55 variatus platies.

The aquarium fish-breeding project also boasts of eight kinds of goldfishes like oranda, lionhead, bullhead, black moor, ryukin, calico and red cap.

Other species are 50 rosy barbs, 112 red jewels cichlids, 318 Koi carps, janitor fishes and angelfishes.

In just one year, the aquarium fish-breeding project has achieved an average monthly growth rate of 37 percent. Holding tanks are literally bursting with stocks for the meantime that a fish house is still to be constructed.

Depending on the sizes and species, the aquarium fishes are sold between P2 to P75 a piece, which is much lower than what are sold in the pet shops in Naga City that sell matured goldfish at P150 a piece.

Penetrating the local aquarium fish market, the provincial government steadily makes its presence felt as a supplier of several varieties of aquarium fishes for hobbyists and pet shop owners.

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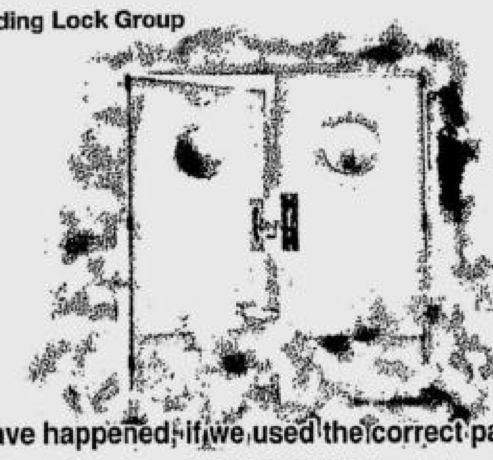

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Kapeng Barako brews strong black business

By Mei Magsino
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MERLO chair Jose Mercado is one of the descendants of the first coffee planter in the country. Merlo's secret coffee blend and roasting process have made coffee drinkers crave for more cups of the famed Batangas coffee. PHOTOS BY MEI MAGSINO, PDI SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU

LIPA CITY—"I drink coffee to live and live to drink coffee," Merlo Agricultural Corp. (Merlo) chair Jose Mercado said, drinking his sixth cup of Batangas brewed coffee for that day.

But that is not enough. There will be more cups of coffee as the day wears on.

From a mere P3,000 capital in 1974, Mercado built his coffee business that has placed the name of Batangas in the map of the world's coffee importers.

Merlo, now the biggest name in freshly brewed Batangas coffee business, has penetrated the United States, Canada, Singapore and the Middle East, making Lipa City's Kapeng Barako the sought-after coffee of most five-star hotels and restaurants.

Coffee family

The first coffee tree in the country was planted in Pinagtung-Ulan, in this city by the Macasaet clan, Mercado's great, great, great grandparents, in the 1800s.

Thus, Merlo's history spans hundreds of years of a family tradition in coffee-blending and roasting that made the company's coffee a distinction in the industry.

"I was born in a coffee sack under a coffee tree," Mercado said.

His father, Macario, also started young in the coffee business. Mercado said his father started his business by buying coffee beans from farmers and selling roasted coffee beans to the market.

He got a profit of five centavos per gallon. He was in that business from the time he was still single until he got married and raised a family.

"We are eight children in the family and our father was able to send all of us in college through his coffee business," Mercado said.

Like his father, he, too, was able to raise his family with the help of his coffee business.

Hardwork

"I have three secret ingredients for success," Mercado said, "it's hardwork, hardwork and hardwork."

In 1970, his father bought a coffee bean roaster. Mercado worked for him for P200 a month salary. Saving his money, Mercado later decided to buy and sell his own coffee.

With only P3,000 in his pocket, he ventured into his own business and sold coffee in Bulacan, Pampanga, Tarlac, La Union, Pangasinan and Ilocos Sur.

That time, he delivered coffee twice a month with 50 sacks in his rented truck for two years.

In 1974, he leased his wife's aunt's 24-hectare coconut plantation and planted coffee and *lansones*. That same year, he put up Merlo Enterprises.

Merlo was the combination of his family name and his wife's surname, Ligaya Lopez.

Later, they were able to buy the land they leased. Like, his father, Mercado also utilized his family's help. Ligaya, a former teacher, also helped in the business.

All of their children also helped. The business grew and diversified into poultry, poultry supplies, piggery and imported animal health products.

In 1978, Merlo Enterprises became a corporation, with family members as incorporators.

Merlo constructed its coffee and office buildings in Morada Avenue, Lipa City in 1980.

Two years later, they started to export the Batangas coffee.

Secret blend

What has made Café de Lipa, Batangas Brew, and Kapeng Barako sought-after coffee brands is the Mercado family's secret blend of coffee beans and roasting technique. According to his daughter Mayen Mercado-Panganiban, who is now the assistant manager in the coffee division, the aroma, body and flavor of the coffee create its distinct personality.

"Every coffee variety has its own character. We have the Barako, also known as the Liberica, the Robusta, the Exelsa, and the Arabica. What makes our coffee unique is the way we blend and roast the coffee beans," she said, "And that is the family's secret blend for generations now."

Café de Lipa was launched in the market in 1990 while Batangas Brew has been in the family for generations now.

Another coffee blend, Ala eyl Kape, started in the late 1990s. Here, one of Mercado's daughters, Jasmin, modeled for the coffee wrapper.

These blends are now in supermarkets nationwide, bringing the taste of true Batangas coffee in every pack.

"We believe that freshness matters. Our coffee is packed in airtight packets immediately after it is grounded," Panganiban added.

THE BATANGAS Brew, Kapeng Barako and Cafe de Lipa have reached coffee drinkers worldwide and put Batangas province in the map of coffee exporters.

This is done to ensure the coffee's freshness and retain its aroma.

"After opening its pack, the coffee should be placed in an airtight container. That way, coffee will not oxidize. The coffee loses its aroma after oxidation," she explained.

Vanishing crop

In 1995, Merlo was forced to stop exporting coffee when the volume dropped. Farmers gradually stopped planting coffee and instead planted pineapple and other crops.

"That's because of overproduction," Mercado said, "In 1986, a kilo of coffee beans cost as high as $4. So more farmers all over the world planted coffee. That time, the price went down by more than 50 percent."

Mercado used to buy coffee beans only from Batangas province. Now he has to travel to Cavite, Quezon, Laguna, Kalinga, and Ifugao provinces to buy coffee beans.

"We used to be in the top five of the coffee exporters worldwide," Mercado recalled. "Now we are importing more than what we used to export," he adds.

Brazil, Vietnam, and Indonesia are now the world's top coffee importer.

"But the good forecast for coffee planters is that it's the best time to plant coffee. Because in a matter of five years, prices will go up again," Mercado

Diversified

When the coffee export went down, Merlo diversified into the piggery, poultry and poultry supplies businesses.

"We have to diversify to other businesses so that when one fails, we still have something to fall back on," Mercado said.

THE KAPENG Barako tree at its fruiting season.

Merlo Agricultural Corp. has now 250 sows in its piggery farm. Last year, it started importing animal health products. One of Merlo's biggest clients now include the province's biggest cooperatives such as the Soro-soro Ibaba Development Corp. and Limcoma, and some of the country's biggest livestock corporations such as Monterey, Foremost Farms and San Miguel.

Mercado said he has also trained all his children to run the businesses.

"It's better if they know how to manage the business and to value hard work. That way, the family's legacy lives on," Mercado said. "I run my family like I run the business."

Merlo has also created jobs in the city with more than 100 employees working in the corporation's businesses.

Kapeng Barako

Batangas coffee owes its authentic taste and aroma to the Mercado family's age-old tradition and secret recipe for blending and roasting coffee beans. The recipe has been handed down from generation to generation

Kapeng Barako, according to Mercado, got its name from the Batangueños' strength to drink coffee without anything to go with it such as cookies and pastries.

"Batangueños can drink strong coffee served without anything else," he said, "that's why we are called *barakos*. We can take it strong and can still smile."

Kapeng Barako has been the coffee preferred by revolutionaries who were fighting for freedom during the Spanish era.

During the Filipino-American War, it was also the coffee drank by Filipino patriots.

World War II veterans also remember Kapeng Barako as the coffee that raised their spirits during the war.

"That's because drinking Kapeng Barako makes the blood alive and your mind more active," he said, "The soldiers needed the coffee to keep them on the go and raise their adrenalin."

Even now, when people refer to Kapeng Barako, it would always be remembered as the best tasting coffee found only in Batangas.

Philippine coffee

IN the 1800s, the first coffee tree was planted in Pinagtung-Ulan, Lipa City, in Batangas province.

There are five varieties of coffee in the Philippines: the Barako also known as the Liberica and the Batangas coffee, the Robusta, the Exelsa, the Arabica and the native coffee.

The Arabica is the only coffee that prefers the highlands and is bigger than the Barako.

The Robusta is grown by most farmers due to its commercial value. Most instant coffee products are made from the Robusta coffee beans.

The Exelsa is a bit smaller than the Barako while the native coffee is the smallest bean.

Each coffee variety has its distinct taste. Some people prefer to brew a single coffee bean variety while others prefer the blended brew.

The flavor and aroma of the coffee become stronger as the beans are roasted longer.

Are you . . .

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tions: "To what extent are you able to positively influence a situation? To what extent can you control your own response to a situation."

He debunks viewpoints that "control" is exploitative. On the contrary, he says, "control is a very precise and powerful source of freedom, not oppression or constraint."

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He correctly points out that "blame throwing" is unproductive. He elaborates: "Blame occurs when people get caught up in assigning fault rather than learning from the behavior and moving on."

Catastrophize?

Reach, the third dimension, simply advises the individual to limit the impact of the problem or any situation. Stoltz cautions readers against the tendency to "catastrophize," meaning exaggerating a problem to catastrophic proportions! Sounds familiar to many people?

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The book, despite its forbidding title (to those who hate Math 101) about "quotients" has a surprise for the readers. It speaks to both heart and mind. To both individual and team leader. To the solitary entrepreneur and the CEO of a big corporation.

One thing we all share: Adversity comes our way everyday. Therefore, make time for this book. It will liberate you from worries and imagined catastrophes. *(dantemv@I-next.net)*

If the shoe fits, this Chinoy's profits swell

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

PINOY ENTREPRENEUR

KENNER CHUA ROGER CARPIO

KENNER Chua says he was a GI nerd—a genuine "intsik" nerd. He was a tall, lean boy with glasses, who was very shy but did very well in school. But he also knew that he would eventually go into business.

His family environment made sure of that as his family owns a garments business and so did his school, St. Jude Catholic School, where Chua recalls setting up his very first business.

Every recess time students would pull out extra bags full of goods to sell. He sold bubble gum for 50 centavos each. Being good in class, he accepted tutoring jobs while in high school and saved his money.

He pursued business management at the De La Salle University. Chua feels his experience in school prepared him for his decision to pursue his own business.

"I learned to be a production manager. As our practicum, we set up a T-shirt making venture. There were 10 of us."

The point of the exercise was to make the students have a practical experience of setting up a business. Chua says the exercise involves creating a company, registering it in a mock-up Securities and Exchange Commission in school.

Nine of the students were Filipino-Chinese and one was Filipino. They each contributed P1,000 each to build the venture. He was made in charge of production and the factory was set up in Binondo where one of the students had a building.

They made children's T-shirts with feel good sayings like "Obey your mom and dad," "God saw what you did."

Top performer

The venture was successful and generated gross sales of some P300,000 for the group, making them the top performer.

After two terms the group has the option to continue the project or to drop it. The members opted to close shop and pursue other ventures. Chua says that was how clothing store Kamiseta started—as a school project.

Although he and his classmates did not pursue their project, Chua says "the experience made me feel I can do things. You should be a risk-taker."

Along with the resolve was the realization that he had to be less shy and more aggressive. He recalls a time when he could not even talk to waiters and had to ask someone to give his order.

But after graduation he decided to experience working for other people first so he joined a shoe retailer as a marketing auditor.

Not long after he started working, Chua got a strong desire to set up on his own. He wanted to go into the shoe business. His parents were against it and told him he should go into ready-to-wear clothes or lingerie.

"I didn't want lingerie because I'm a man. My choices were to go into shoes or bag-making," he says.

He had to convince his parents about the feasibility of the venture to get them to lend him the money he needed.

He studied the market and concluded: "If you look at the Philippines you can see that there are garments factories all over the country. The shoe factories, on the other hand, are concentrated in Marikina, with a few in Laguna."

New shoes

He told his parents that the garments business in the country was saturated but not shoes.

He said his plan was to create a brand and study on quality.

Probably because they were entrepreneurs themselves, he got his parents to agree.

So three months before quitting his job, he set up an office in Marikina. He would go to the gym in the morning, start work at 10, leave at 7 in the evening, then spend another four hours setting up his shop.

It cost him P200,000 to put up the shop but he ended up spending almost P1 million to start the business. He said he had to borrow half from his parents.

His decision to go into the shoe business was bolstered by the fact that he loves shoes and would buy 10 pairs a trip. He chose the name Schumacher because it is the German word for shoemaker plus the fact that he is an avid fan of racing legend Michael Schumacher.

In January 1997, he finally opened his shop. Chua first went into wholesale and sold his shoes in department stores. He also went into exports.

But the desire to create a brand was so strong that he urged his parents to convert an old apartment into his marketing office. This time he tried direct selling. That was October 1997. His shoes cost between P1,000 and P2,000.

Sudden drop

Sales were on a continuous uptrend and he got some of the direct sellers of Natasha, owned by Vicky Jardiolin of the Confetti shoe brand. At one time he had 700 distributors.

But come May 2000, sales just dropped.

Schumacher was directly hit by the economic and political crises, aggravated by the fact that school months were coming and his usual clients needed all their money for their children's needs.

By June of that year, he posed a challenged to his Maker. "I said Lord, I'll challenge you to give me zero sales and I will close Schumacher."

Come June he had one sale during the third week, two during the fourth week. He took his challenge literally and was confused with the signs of having three sales instead of zero.

He says he thought a lot and pondered on the meaning of the three sales. A friend suggested that he try making made-to-order shoes for brides.

"I felt that God was sending me a message through someone else so I pursued the idea," Chua recalls.

But he did not just stick to wedding shoes. He expanded it to include any made-to-order shoes.

Diamond-encrusted shoes

"I thought to myself, why should I only make for brides? I can make any kind of shoes."

Schumacher has been in the business of making made-to-order shoes nearly two years now and Chua is happy so far.

His clients include the crème de la crème of Manila society who put diamonds on their shoes.

His prices are actually affordable at P2,000 to P4,000 a pair. He says his boots go for about P7,000 to P8,000. But for those who really fancy shoes, the most expensive he has created so far cost P100,000.

And his dream—to be the fashion icon for shoes in the Philippines and make the Schumacher brand known abroad.

A side dream for him is to make a pair of shoes for Imelda Marcos, whose name he says has become synonymous to shoes. *(Schumacher can be reached at 726-5228)*

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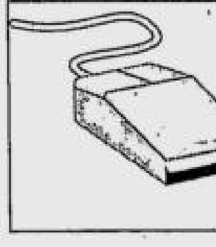

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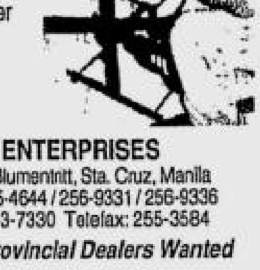

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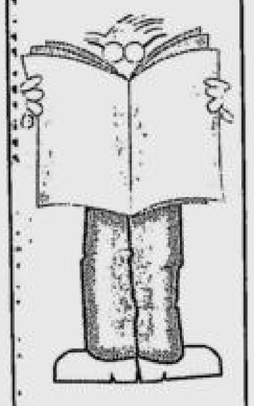

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- ☐ Should be able to institute strict guidelines in reporting.
- ☐ With knowledge in merchandise display.

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Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
MAYNILA, PILIPINAS

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR PICC PROJECTS
INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND TO BID

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) would like to invite all prospective bidders to apply for prequalification for the design, supply and installation of a 5,000 sq m. PVC Engineered Fabric Membrane Structure (EFMS) at the yellow parking of the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) to serve as its interim Exhibition Hall. Scope of Work includes furnishing of all materials, labor, tools, equipment, services and other incidentals required to perform (a) design, supply and installation of EFMS Structure and necessary civil, electrical, mechanical, sanitary and electric power requirements; (b) land/site development; (c) installation of ancillary facilities, and (d) all other items necessary to complete the work.

Requirements/Criteria to prequalify to bid for said project are as follows:

1.0 Should be a single entity which may be a partnership, corporation, joint venture or any other legal entity with a capital of which at least 60% is Filipino owned. The entity should be able to facilitate and provide the necessary architectural & engineering design, supply & contracting services for an Engineered Fabric Membrane Structure (EFMS) and its ancillary facilities to serve as the PICC Interim Exhibition Hall.

2.0 The bidder should have a total working capital of at least Fifty Million Pesos (P50,000,000.00) as of December 2001, computed as follows: *(Current Assets less Current Liabilities) minus (Value of all outstanding works under on-going contracts including awarded contracts yet to be started)* & a total net worth of One Hundred Million Pesos (P100,000,000.00).

3.0 With a complement of duly licensed & qualified Engineers and Architects with sufficient experience and training to manage, design and certify the required technical drawings and specifications to complete the proposed project.

4.0 Should have a working arrangement with a reputable Engineered Fabric Membrane Structure (EFMS) company with the following background:
- a. *International professional experience for the past five (5) years specializing in the design, assembly, installation and/or manufacture of fabric structures for commercial / institutional organizations intended for exhibition, consumer & trade fairs, banquet & special events purposes.*
- b. *Should have supplied and installed at least five (5) similar EFM structures, one of which has a total floor area of at least 5,000 square meters.*
- c. *Should be able to provide a product warranty of at least 15 years for the structural design and 5 years for the fabric against any defects. In case of a joint venture or a partnership, all warranties shall be answered for by the local partner of the bidder.*

5.0 Should have a working arrangement with a General Contractor with a valid Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) License with an Inter Agency Classification (IAC) of Large B (for Building and Industrial Plants) for the past three (3) consecutive years with the following background:
- a. *Has completed in the past five (5) years at least three (3) commercial or institutional construction projects of similar (nature, type or) complexity. [of Architectural and Engineering (A&E) works] one of which costs at least Fifty Million (P50,000,000.00) Pesos.*
- b. *Willing to assume all product and work liabilities during and after construction of the EFMS and its mixed civil works requirements.*

6.0 Must submit the following documents:
- a. *Letter of Intent to Bid for the Project*
- b. *Applicable Joint Venture or Partnership agreement establishing the proponents included for the supply and installation requirements of the project*
- c. *Brochures with photos illustrating among others actual installed fabric structures, framing and auxiliary facilities. Include actual photos of local projects, if any*
- d. *Certificates of satisfactory performance (for at least 2 biggest of the previous fabric structure project installations cited) signed by the client's authorized signatories. Certification form can be obtained from the AHCPP Secretariat. Facsimile or e-mail certification will be accepted. The Bank reserves the right to validate such certifications and shall automatically disqualify any bidder who falsifies data on these documents or issues fake certifications.*
- e. *Samples of fabric structure material to be proposed*
- f. *Applicable licenses and certificates such as SEC / DTI Registration, Articles of Incorporation and Business Permit*
- g. *Audited Financial Statements for the last three (3) years of the proponents*
- h. *Affidavit declaring that the bidder or any of its subcontractors/consultants has not committed any civil, criminal or local government violations in the practice of their business.*
- i. *Authority to distribute or supply and install the EFMS component of the project*
- j. *Authenticated copy of Contractor's License &*
- k. *Contractor's Information Sheet (BSP Form)*

Documents may be obtained from AHCPP Secretariat, Room 204-*, 2nd floor - Five Storey Building BSP Complex A. Mabini corner P. Ocampo Streets, Manila. Date and time of issuance is until March 11, 2002 / 9:30 am to 12:00NN. Cost of form is Two Hundred Pesos per set (P200/set). Deadline of submission of prequalification documents is on March 12, 2002.

Notice of Prequalification / Predisqualification shall be issued on March 26, 2002 / 9:30am to 12:00 nn at the AHCPP Secretariat together with the issuance of Bid/Tender Documents to eligible/prequalified contractors upon payment of the non-refundable cost of the documents (P 2,000.00/set).

For inquiries, please call AHCPP Secretariat at tel. No. 524-7011 local 3143.

Guidelines stipulated in the provisions of Executive Order No. 262 Series of 2000 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, as amended and other applicable rules and regulations shall apply relative to prequalification, bidding, evaluation of bids and award of contract.

BSP reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any defect or formality therein, or accept such bid or award any part thereof to any contractor/s whose bid/s is/are evaluated to be most advantageous to BSP. Furthermore BSP is not obligated to compensate/indemnify the contractor for any expenses or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of bids nor does it guarantee that an award of contract will be made.

February 24 and 25, 2002

(Sgd.) VICENTE B. VALDEPEÑAS, JR.
Chairman

(Sgd.) JUAN QUINTOS, JR.
Co-Chairman

(PDI--Feb. 24 & 25, 2002)

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National Power Corporation

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
AD NO.TRANSCO 2002-01

Bidding Date: **March 11, 2002 — 2:00 PM**
Pre-Bid Conference: **March 4, 2002 — 2:00 PM**
(CMMS Project Office)

TWENTY THREE (23) UNITS DESKTOP COMPUTERS
TWO (2) UNITS NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS
SIX (6) UNITS VARIOUS PRINTERS

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Sch III Various Printers — 6 units P463,000.00

The following manufacturers/suppliers/distributors, whether 100% local or at most 40% foreign-owned are invited to apply for eligibility and to submit sealed bids on the above using Single Stage Bidding (SSB/Two-Envelope System) to be opened publicly at CMMS Project Office, Second Floor, Building 2, NPC-OBC, Quezon Avenue corner Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

- a. Duly licensed individuals/Sole proprietorship;
- b. Partnerships or corporations;
- c. Manufacturers/suppliers/distributors forming into a joint venture;
- d. Cooperatives duly registered with the Cooperatives Development Authority (CDA).

Only Bids within the Approved Budget for Contract to be bid will be accepted.

Bidding documents are available on **February 26** to **March 1, 2002** upon payment of P100.00 which is non-refundable. Issuance of bidding documents shall be from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and can be obtained from the Office of the Manager, Materials Management Division-TRANSCO, from Mr. Winnie Gatus at Ground Floor, Building 2, National Power Corporation, BIR Road corner Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel. Nos. 922-8432, 924-5245, Fax Nos. 924-5466, 921-2514.

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any defect therein and accept the offer most advantageous to the Corporation.

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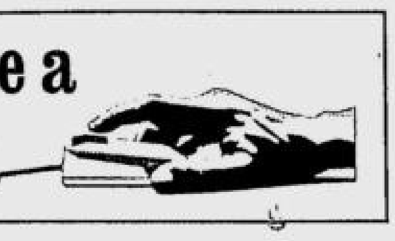

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of Aparri, Cagayan

Passed away peacefully in the Grace of our Lord
on the 22nd day of February 2002 at the age of 77.

The beloved husband of **NICOLASA**
A loving father to **KATHY** & MAR, **EVELYN**, **FERDIE** & LYNN, **PHILIP** & FE,
ROSE & RENE, **DIVINA**, **MARIE** & ALIKHAN
A guiding hand to his brother **LEON** and sisters **ERLINDA & CLEOTILDE**

And a caring grandfather to
MEG KRISSIE KING
MARLON MARKIE BJ ANGELA
KAY ROSCOE DOM
KAYLA MATTHEW
NICOLE KENNETH AJ

We request those whose lives have been touched by our beloved **PAPANG** to pray for the repose of his soul as he is born into Eternal Life.

His remains lie in state at the Mt. Carmel Shrine, Doña Juana cor. 4th Street, New Manila, Quezon City and will be transferred to the Arlington Memorial Chapels, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City on Wednesday, February 27, 2002 at 1:00 p.m.

Interment will be announced later

ARACELI L. GUERRERO-BERNABE

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord on February 14, 2002
at the age of 78.

Her bereaved husband **Jaime V. Bernabe**; children **Jaime, Jr.** and **Loida Mendoza, Zita** and **Florante Reyes, Rowena, Brian** and **Jocelyn Ignacio, Glenn** and **Janiver Daquil, Leah,** and **Iva** and **Manuelito Danganan**; grandchildren **James Michael** and **Paul Matthew**; twins **Charina** and **Jason, Michael Joseph, Jasel, Carlo** and **Lorenzo, Ara Jane** and **Glenn Eugene, Miguel Paulo** and **Katrina Ivana**; brother **Jaime L. Guerrero**; sisters **Magdalena G. Jurado, Eleonor G. Mesina, Fe G. Linao, Maribel G. Trabel**; sister-in-law, brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces and other relatives request the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Ely was buried Thursday, February 21 at the Clover Leaf Memorial Park in Woodbridge, New Jersey, U.S.A.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of His saints.
O Lord, truly I am your servant,
...you have freed me from my chains."
Psalm 116:15-16

We, the children **Doris** and **Dante, Jr.**; grandchildren **Daniel** and **Anna Dominique**; brothers and sisters **Gloria Antonio, Jesus Jr., Virgil, Galileo, Filipinas Blair, Plaridel** and **Aristides**; in-laws and other relatives of the late

DANTE RAFAEL GONZAGA, SR.

Commodore, AFP (Retired)

December 14, 1926 - February 16, 2002

wish to express our gratitude to all those who condoled and shared our burden through their presence, prayers, donations and financial assistance. We thank the Parañaque Bible Christian Church and the Philippine Navy for their excellent support during his vigil and interment at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. May God bless you all.

AURELIO C. MERCADO, JR.

Of San Fernando, Pampanga
Peacefully joined his Creator on February 22, 2002, at the age of 71.

His beloved spouse
Mrs. Catalina Mercado Mercado

bereaved children, children-in-law; grandchildren
Marissa and **Willy (Diana, Dino)**
Manrique and **Susan (Alca, Marvin, Mico, Matthew)**
Mario Romarico and **Vilma (Ivy, Nica, Vince)**
Manny, Martin
Milton and **Loubelle**
Auralyn and **Eric (Alexandra)**
Chelo

sisters, brothers-in-law
Lulu and **Ernie Kamatoy (Lisette)**
Maribel and **Rolando Sunga (Michael, Judith, Mark)**
relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray
for his eternal happiness in heaven.

His remains lie in King of Mercy Chapel, Camella Fairfields, Mambog, Cavite.

Interment will be on February 27,2002, 2:00 pm at the old cemetery,
City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

Our Dearly Beloved

FLORENTINO C. CUEVAS, JR.

Of Cotabato City and Cubao, Quezon City
Peacefully joined our Creator on February 21, 2002 at the age of 61.

His bereaved wife **Erlinda**; children **Flordelynn, Maureen, Florentino III** and **Florentino IV**; daughter-in-law **Racquel**; and grandson **Edenburgh Kyle**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at St. Peter's Memorial Chapel, Quezon Avenue, Mass at 8:00 AM, Tuesday, February 26, 2002.

Interment will follow at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina.

A Message of Thanks

We, the family and relatives of our dearly beloved

PERLA DORADO ABELLA

who was called home by our Heavenly Father
on January 27, 2002

convey sincerely our deep and heartfelt gratitude to all those who spontaneously and with great love and generosity offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy, visited and kept vigil with us, attended the funeral rites, or otherwise gave spiritual, material and emotional support, in our time of bereavement, pain, and sorrow.

May the Lord Our God bless and reward you abundantly for being His true disciples. (John 13:34-35)

"For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son
so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life."
John 3:16

EVERJISTO "JESS" PAJAR y ORENCIA

of Agoo, La Union and Quezon City

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord on February 21, 2002
at the age of 67.

His bereaved wife **EMERITA**; children **BENJIE & SUZI, BOBET & CHARITY, AISSA,** and **KAREN**; grandchildren **DAVID, MATTHEW,** and **NICOLE** request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapels, 12 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Cremation will be on Thursday, February 28, 2002 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City after the Requiem Mass at 1:00 p.m. in Arlington Memorial Chapels.

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither the present nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is Christ Jesus our Lord"
ROMANS 8:38-39

SANCHO CABILIZA ONGTAUCO

His loving children **Amado, Ely, Jerry, Sally, Lily, Julie**; and grandchildren, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Arlington Funeral Parlor.

Interment will be on February 27, at 10:00 a.m. at Chinese Cemetery.

We design OBITUARIES for free.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We, the family of the late

ATTY. RAMON A. GONZALES

Who joined our Creator on January 17, 2002

Convey our sincerest thanks to all those who
condoled with us, offered Masses and prayers,
sent flowers and messages of sympathy,
went to wake and kept vigil, attended the funeral rites
and in many unknown countless ways,
in the hour of our bereavement.

Lilia Y. Gonzales, Children and Family

We, the family of the late

JOSE FERNANDEZ HERNANDEZ

who joined his Creator on February 9, 2002

wish to thank our relatives and friends
for their prayers and consolation during
our moment of grief.

Message of Thanks

We, wife **Atty. Salome T. Cansino**; children **Atty. Armel** and **Atty. Albert**; daughter-in-law **Janet**; and grandchildren **Jed, Adam** and **Adrian**, the family of the late

MELITON MADRID CANSINO

who joined his Creator on February 17, 2002

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you,
who during our time of bereavement, condoled with us, offered prayers
and flowers, kept vigil and joined us in the interment.
May God bless you all.

REBECCA JIMENEZ ARRIOLA

of Buenavista, Agusan del Norte,
Butuan City and Marikina City

Peacefully joined her Creator on February 21, 2002

Her bereaved husband **Bobot**; children **Boeing** and **Imee, Mig, Cessna** and **John Paul**; brothers and sisters; in-laws **Max & Ilda Arriola** and family request your prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Nacional Memorial Homes and will be cremated on Wednesday, February 27, 2002 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

BERNARDO J. GUTIERREZ, SR.

of Zamboanga City and Davao City

Peacefully joined his Creator
on February 22, 2002 at the age of 89.

His loving children **Carmen Rivera, Bernardo Jr**; son-in-law **Rey Rivera**; grandchildren, great grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Cosmopolitan Funeral Homes, Inc., J. Camus Extension, Davao City.

Interment will be on Sunday, February 24, 3:00 PM at Davao Memorial Parish.

"Whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

ALFREDO AENLLE y ROSARIO

Joined his Creator on February 21, 2002.

His loving wife **CORA**; children **MARITESS & RUEL, DENNIS, VIDA** and **KATE**; relatives and friends, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at the Miraculous Medal Parish Church, Project 4, Quezon City.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
Matthew 10:39

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

One (1) Local Technical Assistant/Specialist Waste Management & Sanitation

CASCADE is a rural development project under the Department of Agriculture and supported by the European Union. It is operating in the upland barangays of Nueva Vizcaya, Benguet and Nueva Ecija; with base in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya.

Applications are invited from highly qualified candidates with in-depth knowledge and experience in Waste Management & Sanitation programs/projects in upland areas and with strong credentials on linkaging/networking partnership, social marketing and program advocacy with LGU, POs and NGOs. The candidate must be physically fit to undertake extensive trips in the highlands and possesses broad knowledge on Project Management coupled with strong trainer attributes. He/she must also be computer literate. Experiences working with national/ international rural development programs and other foreign assisted projects particularly in the field of community health services would be of great advantage.

Expressions of interest together with full CVs and other pertinent documents in support of application for the above mentioned areas of specialization should be submitted on or before 15 March 2002. Only qualified candidates will be acknowledged and be given the full Terms of Reference (TOR).

CASCADE is an equal opportunity employer and actively encourages women to apply.

Replies/responses should be addressed to:

THE PROJECT CO-DIRECTORS
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March 18, 2002 (Monday)
MANAGING WORK-RELATED STRESS
Tita Datu Puangco, President, Ancilla Enterprise Development Consulting, Inc., will discuss the sources of stress in the workplace and how living the present moment will help you achieve more with less strain. She will share the key to enjoying work which is living "the rainbow life" to ensure an integrated and balanced life.

March 19, 2002 (Tuesday)
SURVIVING WORKPLACE CHANGE
Lirio O. Mapa, Vice President, Center for Leadership and Change, Inc., will talk about how you can prepare yourself for changes. She will also tackle the paradigms and principles that can help you survive workplace changes.

March 20, 2002 (Wednesday)
LEADING ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE
Mark Mackenzie, Managing Principal, S&G International Consulting, Inc., will focus on how you can lead change, not just from the senior management perspective, but from those in all levels of the organization. He will discuss how different types of change are identified, measured and managed by all employees.

REGISTRATION FEES PER SESSION: P250 (balcony), P300 (orchestra) and P350 (patron), Early bird discount of 10%, Limited discounted tickets for teachers, gov't. employees (25%) & students (50%)

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By BONG BARRAMEDA

Classy car

Q. Why is a large luxurious car, especially one with a glass partition between the chauffeur and the passengers, called a *limousine*?

A. The word comes from French and literally means a "hood" or "cloak," particularly the hooded cloaks worn in the old French province of Limousin. The name came to refer to the car probably because the passenger compartment of such cars was likened to the hooded cloak.

Name Game. Meanings or origins of certain automobile names: **BMW** (initials of Bavarian Motor Works); **Mitsubishi** (Japanese for "three diamonds"); **Rolls-Royce** (company founders Charles J. Rolls and Frederick Royce); **Volkswagen** (German for "the people's car"); **Fiat** (abbreviation of Fabrica Italiana Automobili Torino).

Pinoy First. The first automobile in the country was a "Georges Richard," imported in 1900 from France by La Estrella del Norte, Manila's premier department store, for a wealthy physician named Dr. Miciano.

Past Forward. This day in 1964: As he'd promised, Cassius Clay --later Muhammad Ali--floated like a butterfly and stung like a bee--and hammered Sonny Liston to submission in one of boxing's biggest-ever surprises. After six rounds, an injured and humbled Liston, the 7-1 favorite, refused to come out of his corner, thus yielding the world heavyweight crown to the brash 22-year-old Clay.

WORD WATCH

Sapak : Tagalog slang for "punch," originally meant "broken off"--based on the loud sound of a tree branch breaking off.

PDI -- February 24, 2002

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SEAMEO REGIONAL CENTER FOR GRADUATE STUDY AND RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURE

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization REGIONAL CENTER FOR GRADUATE STUDY AND RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURE (SEAMEO SEARCA) is inviting all interested contractors to pre-qualify and to bid for the following jobs:

1. **CONSTRUCTION OF SEARCA MEMORABILIA ROOM (Category A)**; and
2. **REHABILITATION OF CENTRALIZED AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM**

Bid documents will be issued to pre-qualified bidders at the SEARCA Office, 4031 College, Laguna, starting **26 February 2002, 9:00 a.m.**

Sealed bids will be received by the Committee on Bids and Awards until 10:00 a.m. on 12 April 2002 at the said office. Opening of bids will immediately follow. Bids submitted late will not be accepted.

The SEAMEO SEARCA reserves the right to reject any or all the bids, waive any defect or informity therein, and accept only the bid most advantageous to the center.

(Sgd.) **LILIA T. HABACON**
Chair on Memorabilia

(Sgd.) **FRANCISCO P. FELLIZAR, JR.**
Chair on Air Conditioning System

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REGION IV
Balagtas, Batangas City

NOTICE OF BIDDING

The National Food Authority Region IV invites all interested manufacturers of polypropylen plastic sacks to participate in bidding to supply approximately 300,000 pieces of rice milling MTS with the following specifications:

SPECIFICATIONS	RICE
MTS Code	PPM G50
Material	Polypropylene
Color	White
Type	Woven Polypropylene
Thread Count	
Warp	10.00
Filling	10.00
Size	
Length	970 mm
Width	530 mm
Min. Weight	75 g
Min. Bursting Strength	1,510 kPA
Breaking Strength	
Warp	344.00 N
Filling	295.00 N
Seaming	
Turned Edges	25.00 mm
Stitching	
Depth from bottom edge	10.00 mm
No. of Stitches/decimeter	12.00
Open Top End	Heat Cut
Design/Logo	NFA Prescribed design front and back prints 2 colors
Roughness/Cohesiveness	Warp/Filling should be provided with twisted yarns

Bid forms can be secured from the RPBAC Secretariat from **February 25-28, 2002** after paying a non-refundable fee of P1,000.00 per participant.

Interested parties should submit the following requirements:

Envelope A:

1. Location and vicinity plan of manufacturer's plant
2. For corporations - SEC Registration and Articles of Incorporation
3. DTI Registration for Sole Proprietorship
4. Company Profile
5. Audited Financial Statement for the past two (2) years (1999-2000)
6. Income Tax Return for the past two (2) years with BIR Official Receipt of payment (1999-2000)
7. Original, duly notarized Board Resolution (Corporation)/Special Power of Attorney naming the person authorized to transact business and sign documents in behalf of the company relative to the bidding for the supply and delivery of empty sacks to NFA
8. One passport size photo with these specimen signatures of the duly authorized representative

Envelope B:

1. Duly accomplished/signed Bid Form with the following information:
   a. Price per piece inclusive of all taxes
   b. Plant Capacity per 24 hours operation to be dedicated to NFA
   c. Delivery Period
   d. Validity period of Bid
2. Bidders Bond either in cash, Manager's Check from a reputable Bank or GSIS bond equivalent to 10% of the bid amount

One stage bidding shall be applied. Envelopes A and B shall be submitted to the RBAC not later than 2:00 PM, **February 20, 2002**. Envelope B will only be opened if all the required supporting documents are in Envelope A.

Venue of Bidding is NFA Region IV in Balagtas, Batangas City. Specific schedules as follows:

	ACTIVITIES	DATE	TIME
1.	Issuance of Bid Forms	February 25-28, 2002	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
2.	Pre-Bidding Conference	March 1, 2002	10:00 AM
3.	Bidding Proper	March 1, 2002	2:00 PM

The RPBAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any defects or informalities found therein and accept only such offers which in its judgment are most reasonable and advantageous to the NFA. The decision of the committee as confirmed by the Regional Director shall be deemed final.

For further inquiries, please contact the RPBAC Chairman Mr. Jose B. Guevara, at telephone nos. (043) 723-3325, 723-2186 or 402-0189.

(Sgd.) **JOSE B. GUEVARA**
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Philippines Early Childhood Development Project Supply and Delivery of Various Drugs (IFB No. WB-ECD-02-DOH-001) and Supply and Delivery of Ferrous Sulfate Tablets (IFB No. WB-ECD-02-DOH-002)

1. The Government of the Philippines has applied for a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of Early Childhood Development Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for which this invitation for bids is issued.
2. The Department of Health now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following drugs:

Supply and Delivery of Various Drugs (IFB No. WB-ECD-02-DOH-001)

Items	Quantity	Quantity
1. Ferrous Sulfate Drops	341,300	bottles
2. Ferrous Sulfate Syrup	211,800	bottles
3. Vitamin A 100,000 IU	200,000	capsules
4. Vitamin A 200,000 IU	1,455,600	capsules

Supply and Delivery of Ferrous Sulfate Tablets (IFB No. WB-ECD-02-DOH-002)

1. Ferrous Sulfate Tablets	56,957,900	tablets

3. Bidding will be conducted through the international competitive bidding procedures specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement and Logistics Service and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 26 February to 18 March 2002, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

   Procurement and Logistics Service
   Department of Health
   San Lazaro Compound
   Sta. Cruz, Manila
   Philippines
   Te. No. (632) 711-6831
   Telefax No. (632) 711-6712

5. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000) or US$250 for each Bidding Documents including air courier for foreign bidders. The method of payment will be cash, or bank draft. Information including names of potential bidders and contact persons telephone and facsimile numbers, cable, e-mail and mailing address should be provided in the application to facilitate communications during the bidding process.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 1:00 p.m. on 19 March 2002 for the Supply and Delivery of Various Drugs and on or before 3:00 p.m. on 19 March 2002 for the Supply and Delivery of Ferrous Sulfate Tablets. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2.5% of total bid price in the currency of the bid or another freely convertible currency. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 1:01 p.m. on 19 March 2002 for the Supply and Delivery of Various Drugs and 3:01 p.m. for the Supply and Delivery of Ferrous Sulfate Tablets.
7. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bidding conference will be held at the following address at 1:00 p.m. on 7 March 2002 for the Supply and Delivery of Various Drugs and 3:00 p.m. on 7 March 2002 for the Supply and Delivery of Ferrous Sulfate Tablets.

   Multi-Media Conference Room
   Department of Health
   San Lazaro Compound
   Sta. Cruz, Manila
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8. The Department of Health will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
9. The Department of Health reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to Contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, MD, MPH**
Assistant Secretary
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(PDI--Feb. 23, 24 & 25, 2002)

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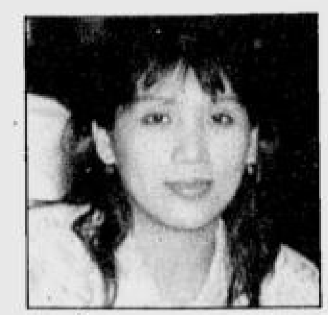

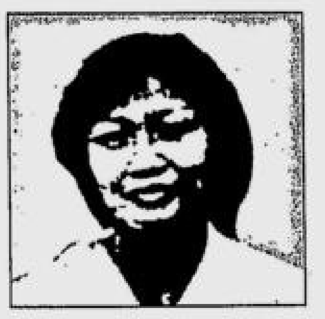

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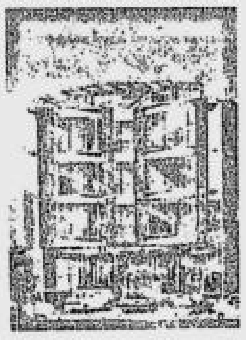

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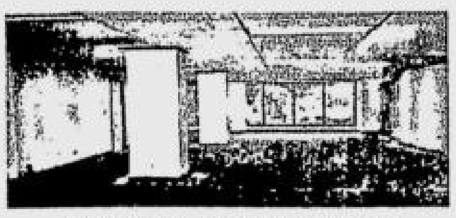

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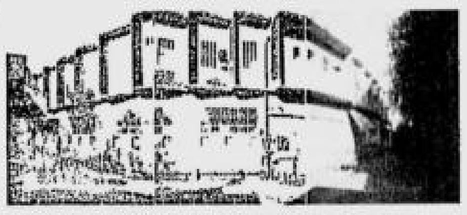

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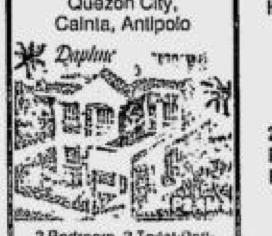

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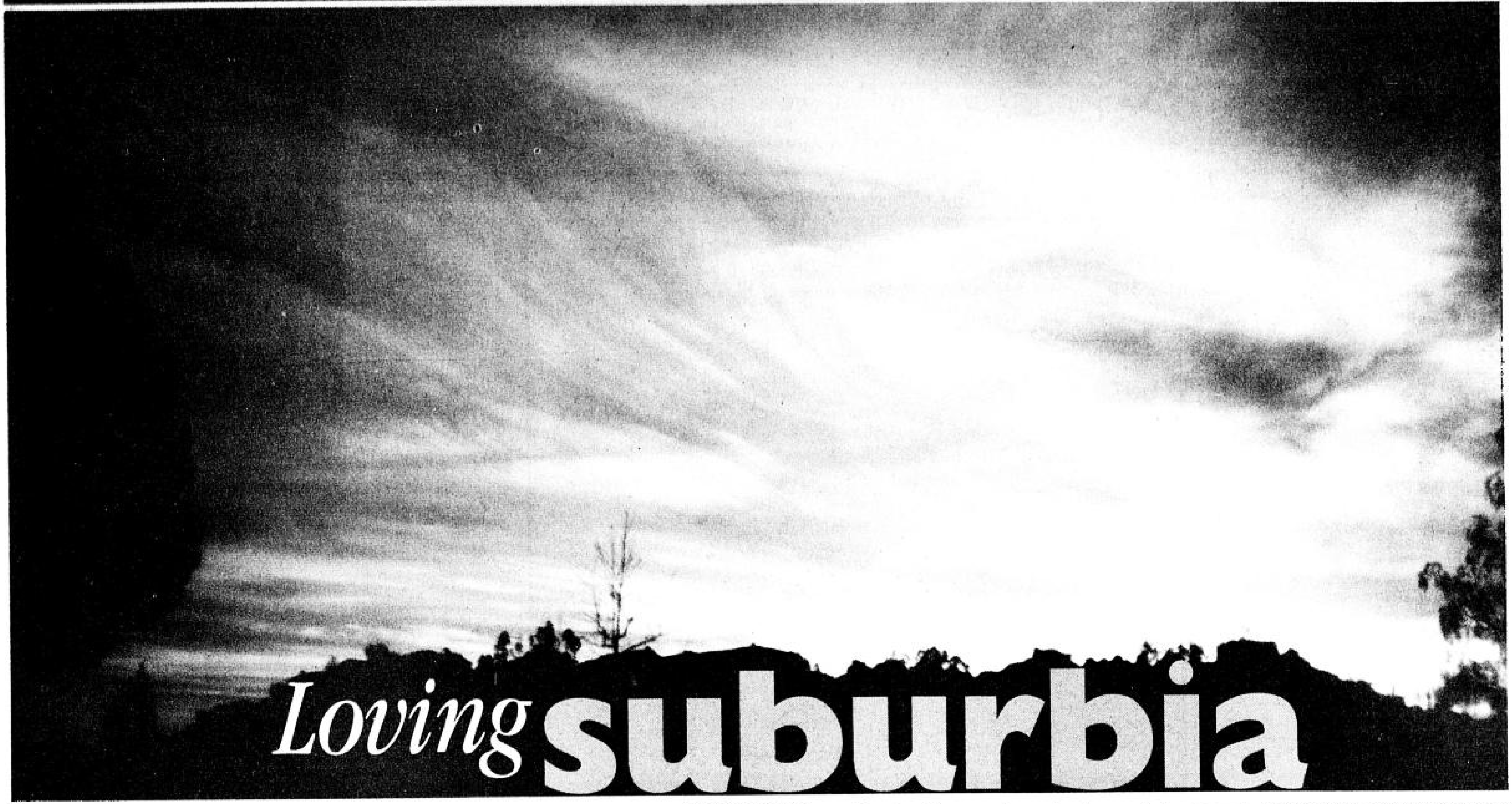


Loving suburbia

SCATTERED gold and other colors in a San Diego sunset

Text and photos
by Christine C. Rivero

IT was the sunset, I think, that did it for me a day after we arrived in San Diego, the winter sunset that melted the sky into the color of molten metal at 5:30 p.m.

Viewing it for the first time from atop a hill on my uncle's property in Escondido, I think that if it were all I ever saw of America, I wouldn't go home empty-handed. The urban sprawl stretches out below me, dotted by the red-orange Mexican shingles that cover nearly every house in this southern part of California.

But to live with family in America, especially if it's one's first time in the country, is to do more than watch sunsets, however beautiful. There's the trip to Las Vegas and the theme park marathon, from Universal Studios in Hollywood to Disneyland in Anaheim all the way down to San Diego's Sea World and the uncaged splendor of Busch Garden's Wild Animal Park. We had a full month to do all that, and we still ran out of time to visit the San Diego Zoo.

But back in our relatives' house in Rancho Bernardo, in the heart of San Diego County, after the itchy thermals come off and sore feet are raised on cushions, the day's frenzy dissipates with the steady rhythm of the freeway, the I-15, a constant pulse in the distance. It sometimes seems to me like no one sleeps in America because the engine buzz is ceaseless even at 3 a.m.

"San Diego is the drag race capital of the world," my 17-year-old cousin Lawrence tells me one day as he drives me to the mall in his sleek sports car. In San Diego, he explains, "everyone has cars," and that includes many rash young people.

But most of them race on the smaller streets, he points out, away from the interstate where the CHiPs, or California Highway Patrol, lurk behind bushes (my father swears to this). He says it's all a matter of one driver coasting up to another and hitting the gas, *vrroom-vrrroom-vrrrroooooommmm*, roaring the fume-filled challenge. Then everything becomes a blur as speedometers clock as much as 170 miles per hour.

Not knowing how to drive, I am unable to venture out and actually witness what he describes.

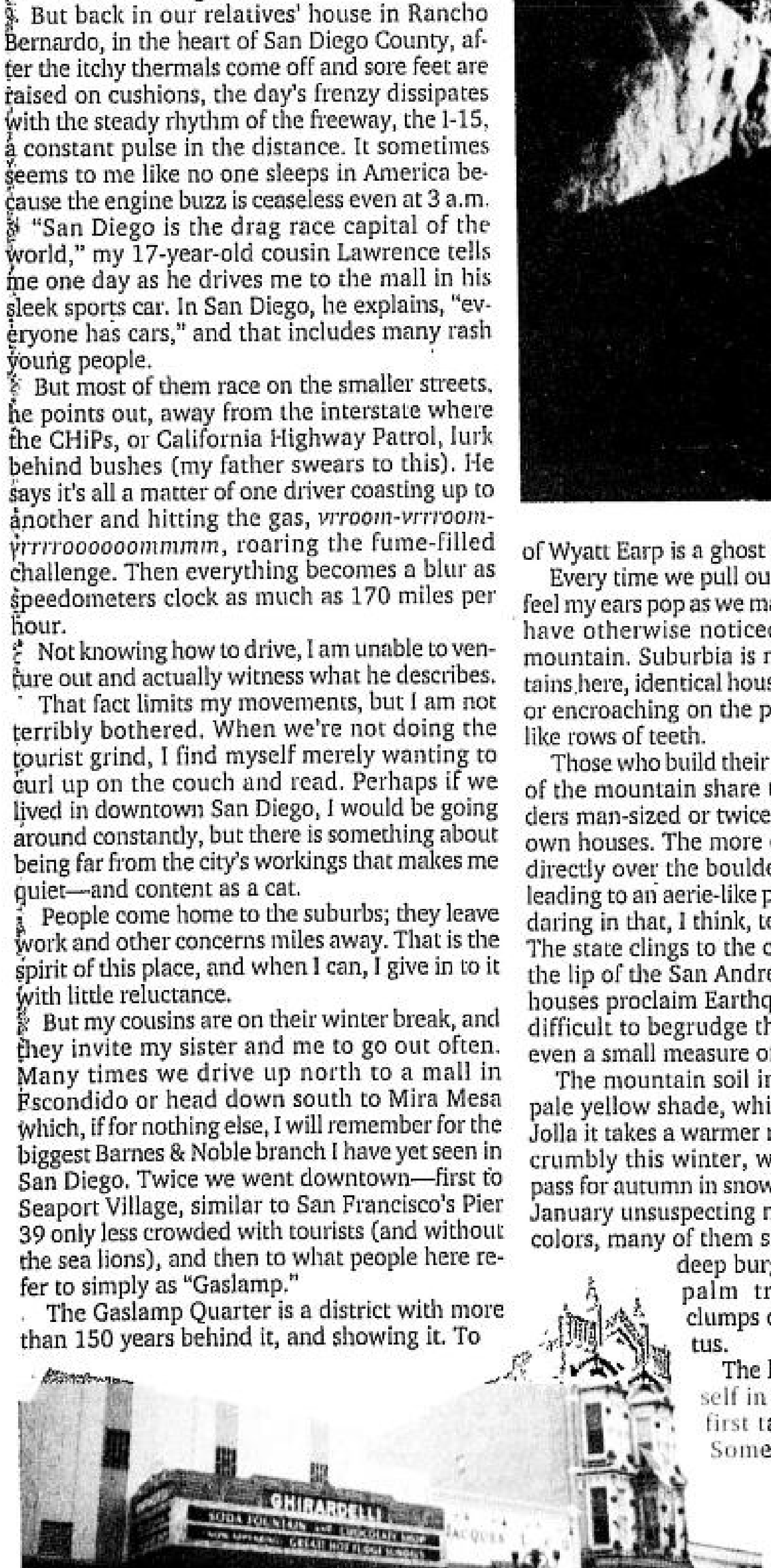
That fact limits my movements, but I am not terribly bothered. When we're not doing the tourist grind, I find myself merely wanting to curl up on the couch and read. Perhaps if we lived in downtown San Diego, I would be going around constantly, but there is something about being far from the city's workings that makes me quiet—and content as a cat.

People come home to the suburbs; they leave work and other concerns miles away. That is the spirit of this place, and when I can, I give in to it with little reluctance.

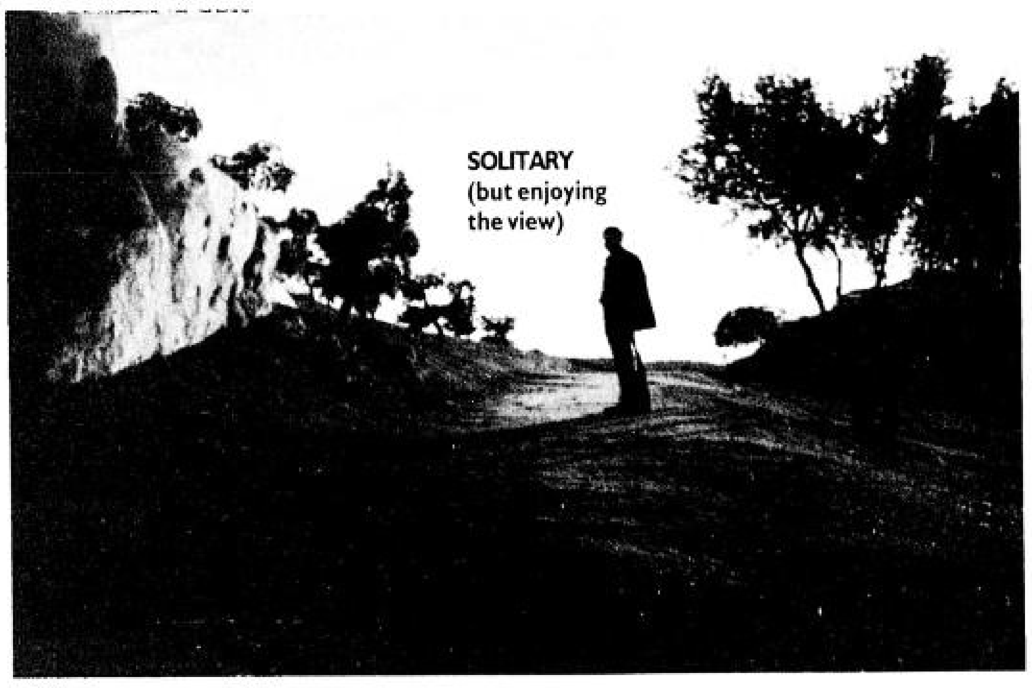
But my cousins are on their winter break, and they invite my sister and me to go out often. Many times we drive up north to a mall in Escondido or head down south to Mira Mesa which, if for nothing else, I will remember for the biggest Barnes & Noble branch I have yet seen in San Diego. Twice we went downtown—first to Seaport Village, similar to San Francisco's Pier 39 only less crowded with tourists (and without the sea lions), and then to what people here refer to simply as "Gaslamp."

The Gaslamp Quarter is a district with more than 150 years behind it, and showing it. To walk through Gaslamp, from the corner of Broadway and 4th Avenue all the way down to Harbor Drive, is to walk on brick sidewalks through 16 blocks of Americana and whimsy. I half-expect a pony-tailed girl in bobby socks to step out of the Pacific Theatres and skip over to Ghirardelli for a hot fudge sundae served by a pomaded and corduroy-clad heartthrob. There are restored Victorian structures, and other old buildings brought back to life with a sense of humor. On one corner of 5th Avenue, for instance, a man is painted on the façade of a three-story establishment. He is hanging from a ledge, trying to reach for a suitcase being dangled from a rope some meters away from him.

At night, my cousins tell me, Gaslamp is a party zone, and I imagine it to be San Diego's equivalent of our Malate with its block after block of pubs and restaurants. Still, on an early weekday afternoon this one-time playground of the likes of Wyatt Earp is a ghost town.



QUIET Gaslamp (it swings by nightfall)



SOLITARY (but enjoying the view)

Work and other concerns are miles away, but I'm told that San Diego is the drag race capital of the world

Every time we pull out of Rancho Bernardo, I feel my ears pop as we make a descent I wouldn't have otherwise noticed down the slope of a mountain. Suburbia is nestled between mountains here, identical houses crowding the valleys or encroaching on the peaks—enamel-colored, like rows of teeth.

Those who build their homes on the sheer face of the mountain share their homes with boulders man-sized or twice, thrice the size of their own houses. The more enterprising ones build directly over the boulders or carve fancy steps leading to an aerie-like patio. There is incredible daring in that, I think, temerity if not insolence. The state clings to the continent of America by the lip of the San Andreas Fault, and yet these houses proclaim Earthquakes Be Damned. It is difficult to begrudge that kind of fearlessness even a small measure of admiration.

The mountain soil in Rancho Bernardo is a pale yellow shade, while toward the sea in La Jolla it takes a warmer reddish tinge. The soil is crumbly this winter, which could just as well pass for autumn in snow-less California. In early January unsuspecting maples are yet changing colors, many of them still clothed in scarlet or deep burgundy. They stand with palm trees, scraggly pines, clumps of wild prickly pear cactus.

The landscape contradicts itself in my mind (perhaps my first taste of culture shock). Sometimes, after another day of malling or queuing at the theme park, in a sleepy haze I look out the window of the passenger's seat and see tall grasses growing on both sides of the wide road. Vaguely, I think to myself this is Nichols, C-5, or the superhighway leading to Laguna.

Yes, there are days when San Diego feels not too different from home, especially when one is likely to run into a *kabayan* every 15 minutes. Tagalog, Bisaya, Ilocano float regularly from between K-mart aisles. Even the woman I bought a comic book from at Westfield turned out to be Pinoy. "*Wala bang* discount?" I asked her, grinning. She said, chuckling, "Members *lang, e*."

I am told many Filipino families started coming to San Diego because of relatives who joined the US Navy or were employed by the base on San Diego Bay. My own uncle was an officer of the US Navy before he decided on early retirement some years ago.

My family tells me that when the Sept. 11 tragedy took place, everything in San Diego ground to a halt. For the first time, many residents saw their naval base go on full battle alert, and major roads south of the city were closed. By now, however, the military presence has moved back into San Diego's periphery. But American patriotism has swept over San Diego as strongly as in the rest of the United States. The American flag is everywhere, unfurled at every doorway, flapping from car antennae, hanging at the entrance to supermarkets and other establishments. Rocks on the mountainside form the words "God Bless America" and in one movie house, I heard teenagers whoop and cheer as the final strains of "The Star Spangled Banner" faded out.

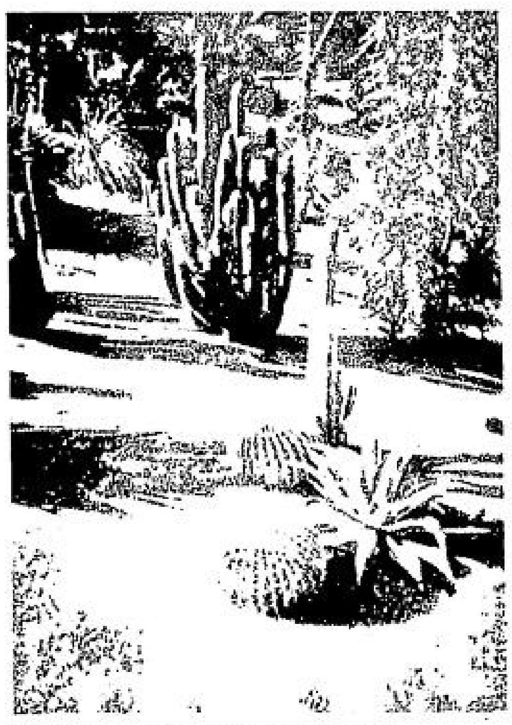
But California is said to be less xenophobic than most states, owing to the diversity of cultures within its boundaries. For whatever reason, in my experience all service in San Diego is delivered with a smile, and I become momentarily flustered when the first thing a Burger King attendant asks me is "How are you?"

On Sundays, after Mass at San Raphael's or St. Michael's in nearby Poway, the priest stands at the entrance to personally wish church-goers a good morning. He invites everyone to hot coffee and fresh doughnuts offered for free not too far from the church doors. The children always crowd around the doughnuts.

"Everyone is so nice here," I told a friend from back home who is now based in Iowa. He laughed softly at my naiveté and said, "That is true of California, not so true of the Midwest. Do NOT expect it in New York."

It must be the weather, I think. In sunny California, what warms the body also warms the spirit, in abundance. And in San Diego, the day is warmest when the sky is almost cloudless. Over the suburbs, the sky is a clear celluloid-movie blue—too blue, perhaps too perfect, but beautiful.

UNDAUNTED by the boulders in Hidden Meadows



PRICKLY but perfect in Balboa Park

TRAVEL BRIEFS

Awards

THE 2001 Kalakbay Secretary's Award was recently given to Barcelo Empresas, a Spanish hotel chain that has 119 hotels and resorts worldwide.

The awarding ceremony was held in Malacañang with President Macapagal-Arroyo as guest of honor. The President and Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon presented the award to John Cogul, CEO of the Barcelo Hotels Asia Pacific.

The hotel chain was recognized for its strong presence in the Philippines and in the local tourism industry. Kalakbay, the Philippines' tourism awards, is spearheaded by the Department of Tourism and Philippine Convention and Visitors Corp.

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THE PROVINCE of Palawan has reaped more awards from the Gawad Pangulo sa Kapaligiran with the recognition of Barracuda Lake in Coron as the Cleanest and Greenest Inland Body of Water (lake category).

Palawan Gov. Joel Reyes received the award from President Macapagal-Arroyo in Malacañang.

The municipality of Brooke's Point also won second place for the Cleanest Local Government Unit (category A), as did Estrella River Falls in Narra for the Cleanest and Greenest Inland Body of Water (river falls category).

Palawan is now part of the Gawad Pangulo sa Kapaligiran Hall of Fame.

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Robert Fitts, US Embassy charge d'affaires, and Laurie Lofgren, Northwest Airlines general manager for the Philippines, Guam and Micronesia, do the honors at the inauguration and blessing of the airline's new ticketing office. Northwest Airlines-ITI general manager Gina Campos was present at the ceremony. The new office is located at the ground floor of the Manila Midtown Hotel, corner Adriatico and Pedro Gil Streets in Ermita, Manila.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE

Editor Chelo Banal-Formoso

Teaching street children to hope again

By Constantino C. Tejero

MANY people could hardly believe the story of Anita Pamintuan, the public school teacher who, while jobless during the massive teachers' strike in the mid-1990s, gathered the street children of Ermita and taught them how to read, write and count at little Sta. Monica plaza.

It sounded like another urban myth, until the movie "Mila" was released last year, which at least made those who saw the film realize it really happened. Still, even for believers, the story sounds like romantic legend. In this day and age, does somebody really care enough, unless she's a little batty, to teach these urchins values and the alphabet?

Unbelievably, yes! The late Pamintuan, in fact, was not alone in her crusade.

Educators who actually teach these kids right on the streets have already organized themselves, and they can be found in many other countries. Childhope Int'l., founded in 1986 on behalf of street children, is already known in other countries for its work for almost two decades now, but it is hardly known in the Philippines. Its philosophy goes: "We believe street children are human beings created in the image of God and therefore should be given the rights to live and be recognized as individuals, equal rights and opportunities in which they can express themselves and maximize their God-given gifts, in order to help themselves and others."

> Childhope works to liberate children from the suffering caused by working and living on the street

Farthest reach

Childhope Asia Phils., a nonprofit, nongovernment organization, was set up in 1989 by Teresita Silva, a member of the board, to work toward "the liberation of the child from the suffering caused by working and living on the street."

Starting with advocacy and training, it launched in 1992 its street education program with eight educators working on the streets. Today, with 18 educators, it reaches out to some 4,000 street children every year.

"We really need more community-based programs for these kids," says Silva one evening in her postwar mansion in Paco, Manila. "*Kulang ang* shelters, jobless *ang* parents, so, of course, they go out on the streets. *Sino'ng tutulong sa kanila* while they're on the streets?"

(Silva was the director of the Bureau of Family and Community Welfare of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, for four years, in the late 1960s. Now the president and executive director of Childhope Asia Phils., her expertise are advocacy and community mobilization, intersectoral networking, social group work and community organizing, policy and program development and management, and training methods.)

Other organizations such as Kuya Foundation, Pangarap Foundation, Sun for All Children also have education programs for street children, but Childhope's is the biggest and has the farthest reach.

"We're the only organization in the country that works full-time with street children, five days a week," says Silva. "And we're the only one that has 18 street educators."

Unhealthy family

Three categories of street children have been identified: the street-based (those who have made the street their home); the community-based (those who live in the squatters' area); and the street family (all members spend their nights and days living and working). Childhope's programs focus on the first—kids who have no families or, if they have, contacts with

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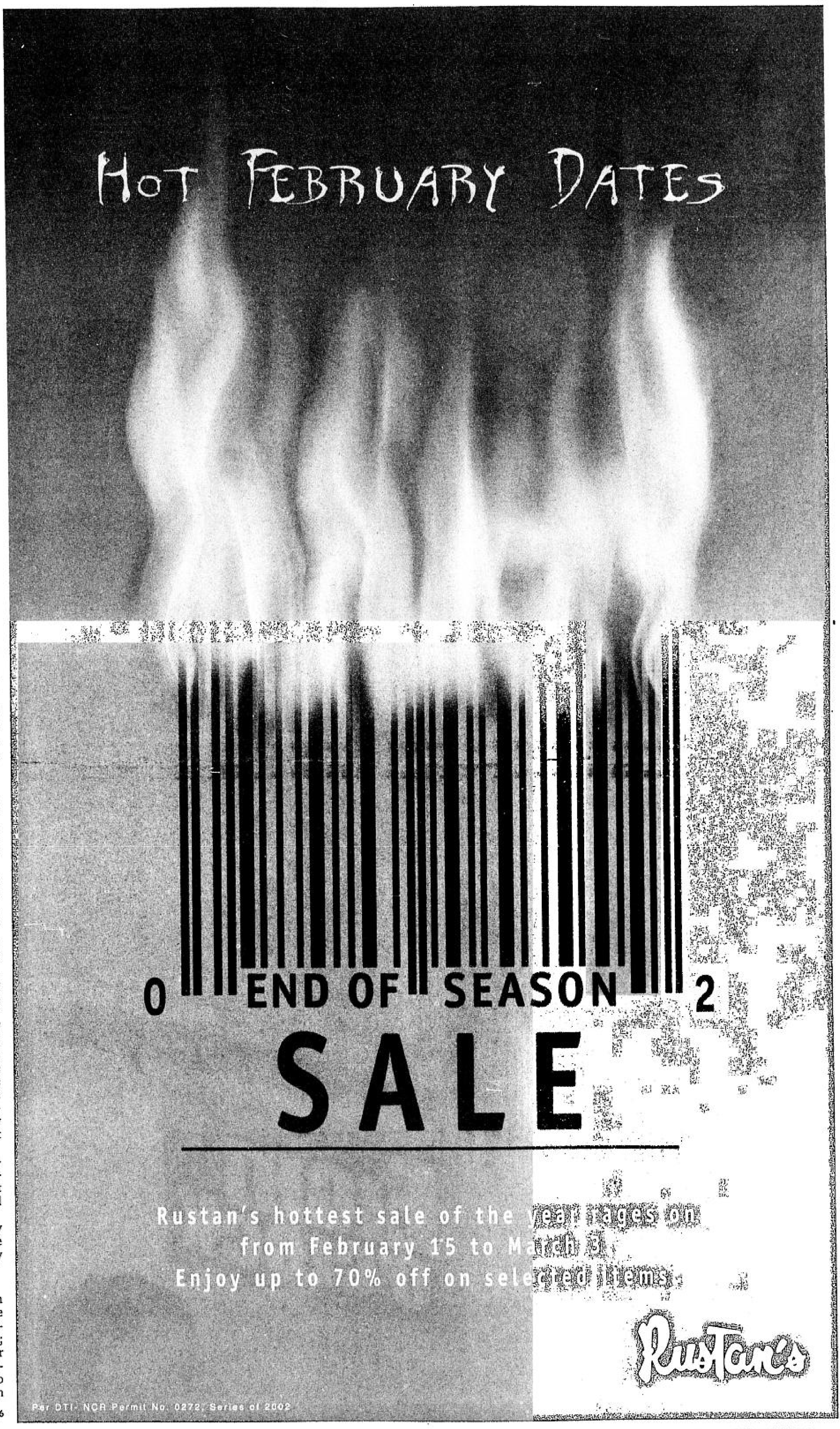
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A miracle will happen in April, Mother Mary tells visionaries

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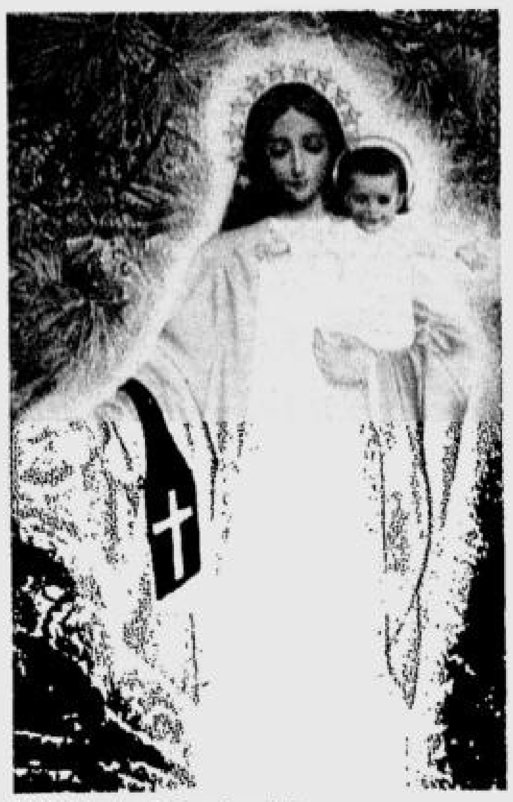


OUR Lady of Garabandal

SINCE the first apparition of Our Lady in the mountain of San Sebastian de Garabandal on June 18, 1961, the Workers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel have continued to propagate devotion to her while awaiting the Church's recognition of the apparitions' authenticity.

We came to know about this when the Workers in the Philippines approached us through a friend, Virma Genuino Quito, cousin of Fr. Ollie Genuino.

Maripaz Herrero and her husband Subas, on the other hand, were instrumental in our viewing the tape of the apparitions, which was brought to their house by Luz and Tito Lopez. It was the first time that we saw the tape, which was translated into Tagalog.

We guess that when Our Lady wants something done, she uses instruments for the fulfillment of such mission. Several years ago, however, Carmita Francisco-Urra already asked me to write about Garabandal. It was only last year that Robert Puckett gave me a laminated message of Our Lady of Garabandal, which I have kept in my wallet.

Finally, last Feb. 4, we met with the Workers in the Philippines, namely, Luz Lopez, Tito Lopez, Nani Tan, Peter Galace and Luis Marasigan who is a friend of Virma.

The other members who were not present were Maripi Peronilla and Abel Tandag. The group was organized in 1992 with the help of Don Felbaum who had contact with John Leriou, president of the national executive committee in Sydney, Australia. The late Don Felbaum was a board member. Virma took his place in the board.

At the time of the first apparition, the small village of San Sebastian de Garabandal was home to 80 humble dwellings in the Cantabrian mountains of Northwest Spain.

On June 18, 1961, 8:30 p.m., four young girls were playing on the *calleja*, which was at the end of the village. Suddenly, there was thunder and lightning. There was also a very bright light, which eventually transformed into an angel. He appeared eight times until July 1 when he spoke for the first time announcing that the Virgin Mary would appear the following day as Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

But even after July 1, the girls continued to see the Virgin carrying the Infant Jesus while in ecstasy. The girls were Conchita Gonzalez, Loli Mazon, Jacinta Gonzalez and Maria Cruz Gonzalez. The apparitions took place for four years until 1965.

DR. Jose and Virma Quito

Like in most messages of the Virgin during her apparitions, the message is the same: penance, conversion and prayer. In Garabandal on Oct. 18, 1961, she said in Spanish (translated here in English): "We must make many sacrifices, perform much penance, and visit the Blessed Sacrament frequently. But first we must lead good lives. If we do not, a chastisement will befall us. The cup is already filling up, and if we do not change, a very great chastisement will come upon us."

Parishes or religious organizations that would like to view the tape of the apparitions can send their requests through www.garabandal.com, which was designed by Peter Galace, or call Luz Lopez at 921-5864, Peter at telefax 952-2265 or Nani Tan at 373-9919.

The Virgin told the visionaries that a great miracle will coincide with a great ecclesiastical event in the church and on the feast of a saint of the Holy Eucharist. This date is supposed to fall between April 8 and 16 this year at 8:30 a.m. (Eastern Liturgical Time).

The miracle would last for 15 minutes—the greatest miracle, according to the visionary Conchita, that Jesus would perform for the world.

Members of the Philippine Garabandal Foundation are set to go to Garabandal in April. Those who wish to join them can call at the above numbers or World's Wonders at 726-6162 or fax 726-6147.

Luz Lopez has xeroxed the book on Garabandal by Jacques Serre and Beatrice Caux and had it bound. She hopes, however, that she would be able to have it printed in full color with the apparition photos. To help make this dream a reality, please help. Kindly call Luz Lopez at 921-5864.

Years back, Cielo Munzon Rivera, wife of Salvador Rivera and sister of Deedee Siytangco, suffered a severe form of cancer. She could not have an operation because she was allergic to anaesthesia. Luz Lopez, who is a friend, gave her the relic of Our Lady of Garabandal. It stayed with her for six months. She was healed and is now well.

Sto. Niño de Providencia healing

AT LEAST 10,000 people visited the chapel of Sto. Niño de Providencia during his feast on Jan. 27. This estimate was given by volunteers who were wearing T-shirt uniforms with the face of the Sto. Niño on them. Most of the visitors came to thank the Sto. Niño for the healing that they experienced and for the solution of their problems.

Priests came to anoint the sick with the oil of the Sto. Niño. They were Fr. Pio Lumibao, OSB, Fr. Basil Apostol, OSB, Fr. Lari Abako, Father John from Cagayan and Fr. Cyd Que from Bicol.

Concelebrating with Fr. Jerry Habunal during Mass in the afternoon at the Mother of God Church were Fr. Fred Reyes of Christ the King Seminary; Fr. Joseph Taschner of Mary Consolatrix Convent in Naguilian; Fr. William Santiago of St. Jude Parish in Naga; and Fr. Joe Castañeda of Immaculate Conception Parish in Batangas City.

The nuns who came were from different religious orders: Order of St. Benedict, Missionaries of the Child Jesus; Religious of the Shepherd; Daughters of St. Paul; Oblates of the Holy Spirit; Mary Consolatrix of the Eucharist; the SMAHE and the Franciscan Sisters of the Lord who sang during the Mass.

Thanks to overall coordinator Betsy Reyes who was healed of breast cancer; Boy Ponce, *carroza*; Ging Ong, catered food for guests; Gen. Rudy Hautea, Air Force Band; Ben Francisco; Mark Jimenez of San Antonio Charities for noodles; Dr. Ofelia Adapon, boxes of *pan de sal*; Dr. Jocelyn Franco, new cloak of the image; Elaine Rivilla, flowers for the *carroza* and announcement on 105.1 daily; Carmelites of Bacolod and Lipa; Pilar Recto for sandwiches and drinks; Liling Hernandez, flowers for the Pope's mobile and for the church; Gilbert and Tess Joven for the Nestle drinks, streamers and buntings; Helen Lim of Davao City; Geri and Kelly Antonio who took care of uniformed guards; Larcy Padilla and the Sunday Mass group; "Anonymous" for the chapel and outside decorations; and the servants of the Sto. Niño. Our thanks to Lorna Gonzales, owner of the chapel, for continuing the devotion and making available the oil for the healing of the sick.

Candles beneath the flower paintings

DESPITE the economic crisis and trouble in Mindanao, we were heartened to see the most beautiful design of lighted candles on small *banigs* beneath the flower paintings of Llita Logarta at the Discovery Suites on ADB Avenue at the Ortigas Center.

We attended the Feb. 18 opening of the back-to-back exhibit of Llita and writer Angge Goloy who put up her photographs for a show for the first time.

Ali Rich Garcia and his friend Raymund Arciaga designed the exhibit area. Old friends met old friends. It was a beautiful get-together of people who have known each other in the newspaper industry for a long time.

Beneficiaries of the exhibit, which was put up by Joy Buensalido, are Culinary Arts Foundation and Abiertas House of Friendship.

Congratulations, Virma Quito

VIRMA Quito, wife of Dr. Jose Quito, recently received an award as one of the 10 Outstanding Women in Caloocan during the city's Foundation Day. We are greeting Virma in particular because she was instrumental in our being introduced to the Workers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel of Garabandal.

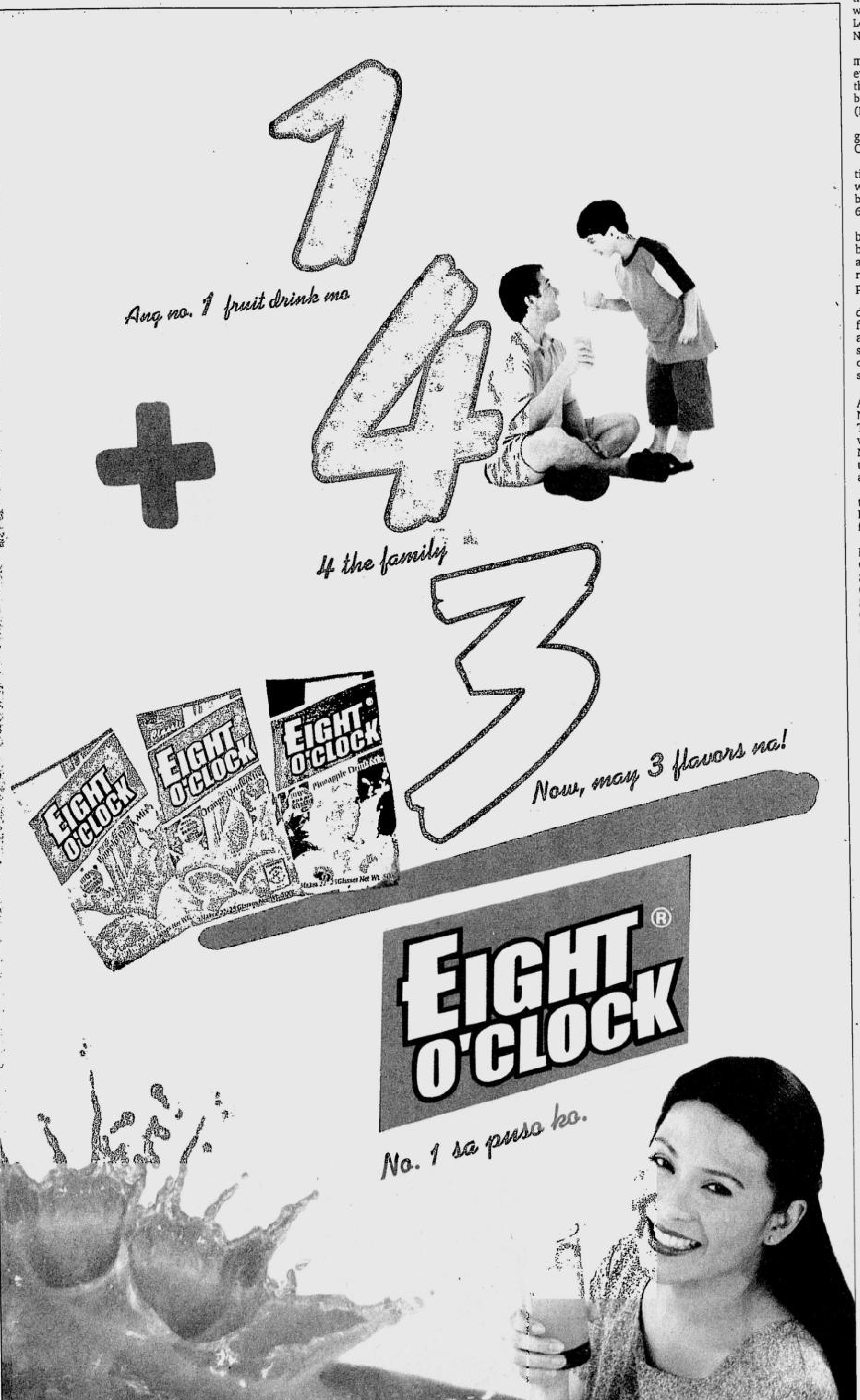
Also, happy anniversary to Bishop Chito Tagle of Imus, who will mark his 20th year in the priesthood on Feb. 27. God bless you always.

Holy Souls recollection

THE PRAYER Warriors of the Holy Souls will hold a recollection on March 2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Manila Seedling Bank worship hall. Recollection priest is Msgr. Josefino Ramirez. Fr. Jojo Zerrudo will handle the open forum. Call 531-2157.

Pranic healing at Don Bosco

THE INSTITUTE of Inner Studies will hold a pranic healing seminar on March 2 and 3 at Don Bosco School in Makati. Call 812-2326.



WHO'S AFRAID OF TECHNOLOGY?

The technological advancements happening today are amazing. What used to be considered god-sent because it made things simpler has now become complex by today's standards. What used to be cutting edge is slowly becoming ancient. With all these improvements one would expect to be left behind even before getting the hang of it.

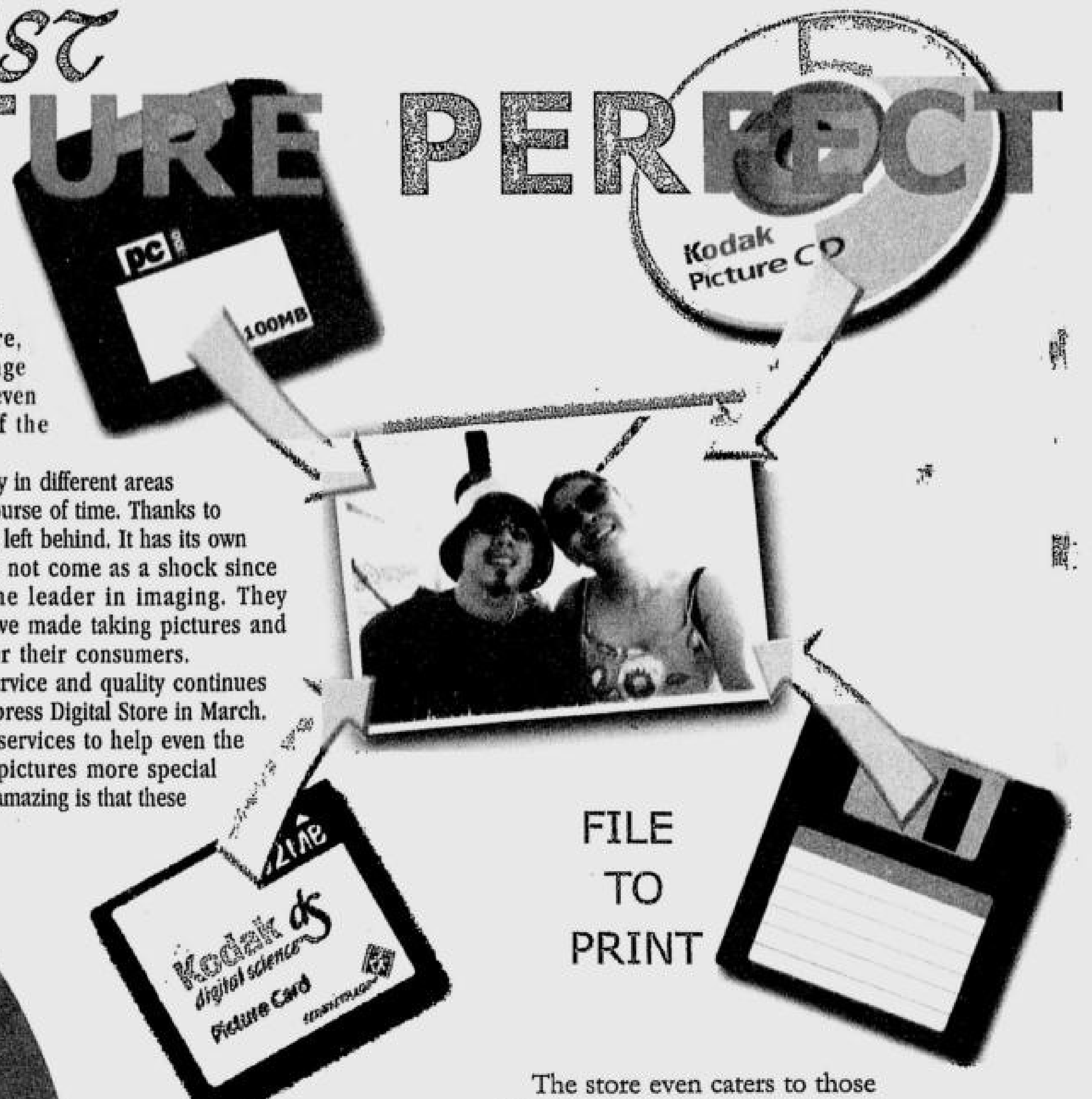
These changes have made many people thankful for some things that have evolved but remained the same in terms of use and means of operation. A perfect example is the camera. It still uses the same principle of point- and-shoot despite the many improvements that have occurred.

It's interesting to note that even with the introduction of the digital camera, the purists still stay faithful users of the traditional camera. It's still the best way to document one's life or store and share memories. This is still common practice despite the fact that a digital camera allows one to take pictures without film and download it directly into the computer.

However, this does not mean that nothing more can be done with pictures. In fact, there have been recent developments in the field that lets one achieve almost anything with pictures. It's now possible to make a picture say not just a thousand words, but a million.

Technology need not be intimidating or complicated. Its continued development is meant to make life easier and better. An open mind and patience is all that's needed to keep up with the changes. With that in mind, why be afraid?

NOT JUST PICTURE PERFECT



Just when you thought nothing more can be done to a picture, something comes along to change that. Kodak has taken pictures even further with the introduction of the Kodak Express Digital Store.

Many developments in technology in different areas have been happening through the course of time. Thanks to Kodak, photography is not one to be left behind. It has its own share of improvements. This does not come as a shock since Kodak has continuously been the leader in imaging. They have introduced services that have made taking pictures and keeping them more convenient for their consumers.

This dedication to improved service and quality continues with the launching of the Kodak Express Digital Store in March. The store features a vast array of services to help even the novice photographer make their pictures more special and unique. What makes this more amazing is that these can be done in no time at all.

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Sunset at Boracay

The store even caters to those who own digital cameras. Your digital photos can be processed and printed from your digital file onto photographic paper. This offers a more affordable choice as compared to ink jet printing. It's absolutely hassle-free for you because you can just bring your digital files stored in CD, super floppy disk, digital camera memory card, or floppy disk.

This convenience lets you do more with your digital photos than you thought possible because all the other services of the Kodak Express Digital Store can be used on your photos. These include:

- "Note-able prints" that let you write a note or any other vital information on the photograph
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- Changing colored pictures into black and white or sepia prints
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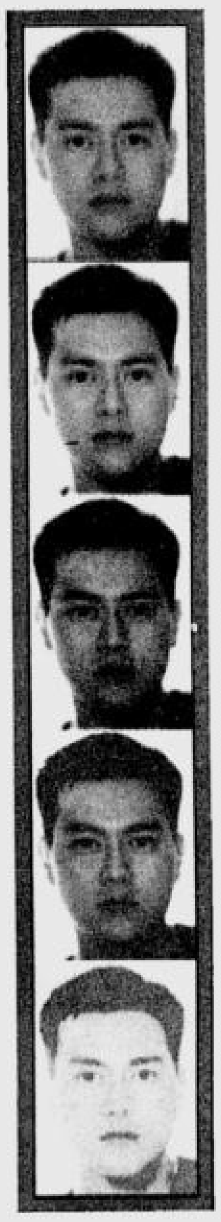
So, start clicking away and get ready to have more than just pictures when you enter the Kodak Express Digital Store, coming soon in March.



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Kodak remains to be an innovator when it comes to giving their consumers quality photos and quality service. With the opening of the Kodak Express Digital Store in March, more consumers can avail of the improved facilities and services. Rest assured that these new improvements are still guided by George Eastman's principle of "You push the button, we do the rest". He had this in mind when he first came out with the first Kodak box camera in 1888.

George Eastman wanted to make taking pictures simpler so that everyone would be able to have lasting keepsakes of special moments in their lives. This is still the driving force behind Kodak.

With the open floor layout of the store, consumers can easily go around and do their business. There's easy access to the different products in the store and even distribution of the various services allows the consumer to find what they need quickly. There is also the unique flexible pole system that can actually take on any form to accommodate existing merchandise. This open layout was specifically chosen to allow consumers the freedom to move about. It also lets the consumer's imagination run wild, by triggering ideas on what they can do with their pictures, as the store suggests through its attractive displays. Customers who enter the store with a single print will leave the store having more pictures transformed into different applications.

The concept of the Kodak Express Digital Store incorporates vivid colors and big pictures to achieve the feeling of movement, youthfulness and a techy yet friendly atmosphere. These are physical manifestations of the overflowing creativity in pictures made possible by the Kodak Express Digital Store.

Expect to get more innovative features and services as Kodak continues to expand its digital services. To date, Kodak Express stores capable of digital services are not only in Metro Manila, but also provincial areas. Dare it be said that Kodak is changing its look into something new, modern and innovative. An embodiment of what Kodak has been doing to photographs and photography for the past 200 years. With the Kodak Express Digital Store, "digital transformation" is now possible — letting you picture the possibilities with Kodak.

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- **Kodak Express Picturite, Lopez, BF Paranaque**
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But be prepared because there will be more digital-capable stores coming in the future.

Her true calling

Avon's principal of the year was once a less-than-ideal student not because she was 'bobo' but because the environment was not friendly

By Linda B. Bolido
Contributor

GINTONG ILAWAN AWARDING. Dr. Roberto Borromeo; Jose Mari Franco, Avon VP for Southern Asia; Fernando Lezama, Avon executive VP for Asia-Pacific; Dr. Josefina Suarez, awardee, NCR; Ben Galena Sr., Avon VP for Asia-Pasific; Education Undersecretary Fe Hidalgo; Carol Forio, and Corazon Santiago, regional director, NCR

PHOTO: BETOY JOHNSON

IF parents of children attending the Elizabeth Seton School (ESS) went by Josefina Victorio Suarez's record as a student, they would probably have second thoughts about letting her take charge of their kids' education.

The ESS principal admitted she herself had doubts she would amount to much.

Completing high school in five instead of four years, she concluded she was going to be a failure, "a good for nothing," With low self-esteem, she aspired to nothing more than having her own *lugawan*.

She even kind of stumbled her way to a teaching degree—simply trailing after a cousin who wanted to enroll at what was then the Philippine Normal College (now University). Not making the grade at the country's premier teacher training institution, they ended up at the National Teachers' College.

But, as she immersed herself into the teaching course, the disinterested student finally found her true calling. She discovered she had a natural flair for teaching.

Suarez flourished despite the rigors of teacher training, even finding the entire course a breeze. It never occurred to her to shift to another course.

This year, Suarez capped more than three decades of work as an enthusiastic and dedicated educator by winning Avon's 13th Gintong Ilawan Teodora Alonso Educator's Award for outstanding female private school principal. She was honored for 26 years as principal of the secular Catholic school in Las Piñas City, distinguished by an uncompromising commitment to quality.

Unfriendly environment

Looking back on her failure as a student, the now Dr. Suarez said she realized "it was not because I was *bobo* but it was because the environment was not friendly" and not encouraging. When she finally realized what it was she wanted to be, Suarez used the experience to help make her into the outstanding educator that she is now. She became bolder, more daring, not hesitating "to venture into new things," no longer worrying that she could fail.

The award-winning principal set out to make the ESS, named after an educator nun who became the first American saint, the kind of school she would have wanted for herself as a student. Suarez said ESS tried to give its students the skills needed to cope in any environment. "We want to really prepare students for life" and not just give them an education, she said.

Suarez, also president and cofounder of Seton, had to make a choice between quality and quantity. More students would have allowed the school to grow fast but quality would be compromised. "I was aware that a large enrolment could have provided the school the means to [acquire] the needed resources in [a short time]… but quality would have to be sacrificed… and I was not willing to do that," she said. Her conviction did not sit well with many friends and colleagues who expected her to accommodate their children regardless of academic record.

At present, ESS has an average student to teacher ratio of 38:1 in the elementary and secondary levels and 20:1 in nursery.

Empowering people

Believing that only good teachers could guarantee quality education, the principal not only offered competitive salaries but also encouraged the faculty to participate actively in drawing up plans and policies. "The empowerment of key personnel enabled me to get fresh ideas and input regarding the operation of the school," she said. It also eased her burden as owner-principal while encouraging them "to be innovative, creative and to consider themselves as co-owners of the school."

Suarez also sought to maintain a consistency in the image of her school. She decided early on that Seton, which started as a nursery school in a property owned by her brother-in-law/business partner in Barangay Talaba in Cavite, needed a classier address.

The same consideration prompted Suarez, who was then starting her own family, to give up their living quarters on the upper floor of their new location as she realized her new baby's crying did not enhance the image of the school.

As a private institution dependent on fees, Seton's efforts to maintain its standards have meant regular increases in school charges. But Suarez said it has not been difficult to convince parents of the need for higher fees. The parents understood that the school was also a business, she said. They accepted the fact that it had to make money so it could maintain, even upgrade, its facilities and services to guarantee that children got quality education.

"When parents see that they get value for their money, they will not complain [about higher fees]. They only complain if they see that their money [is not well-spent]," Suarez pointed out.

Many distractions

Despite efforts to make Seton interesting and engrossing to students even outside class hours, Suarez admitted that the task was getting more difficult. "Students before really focused on their studies but now there are just too many distractions," she noted. Seton has stocked activity centers with things that might hold their interest, not to mention having a swimming pool. Still, Suarez said, it was hard to compete with the thrills offered outside.

Despite this, Seton has had reason to be proud of its wards. Three years ago, an alumna topped the pharmacy board examination and this year all its graduates who took the medical board examination passed.

Seton has now embarked on an outreach program by "adopting" a public school, the Mikesell Elementary School Annex, which benefits from sharing ESS' facilities and materials. The school of 690 students has so far received books and other reading materials as well as equipment that Seton no longer uses. Seton's medical and dental services staff occasionally visits while Suarez brings food for the pupils. In addition, Mikesell's teachers are included in Seton's faculty development program.

The principal admitted that after almost 30 years of running Seton, she was beginning to feel she had reached the end of the road. But the award, dedicated to the mother and first teacher of the national hero Jose Rizal and which derived its name from one of her stories, gave her new vigor, especially since she knew the prize automatically made her a role model for others in her profession.

As she relished her award, Suarez, who opened ESS about the same time she started her family, was awed by what she had accomplished. "I should have told the [Gintong Ilawan] judges that that was my greatest achievement," she said as it suddenly occurred to her that setting up a prestigious school and raising four children of her own at the same time was no mean feat.

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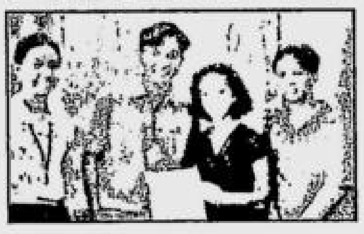

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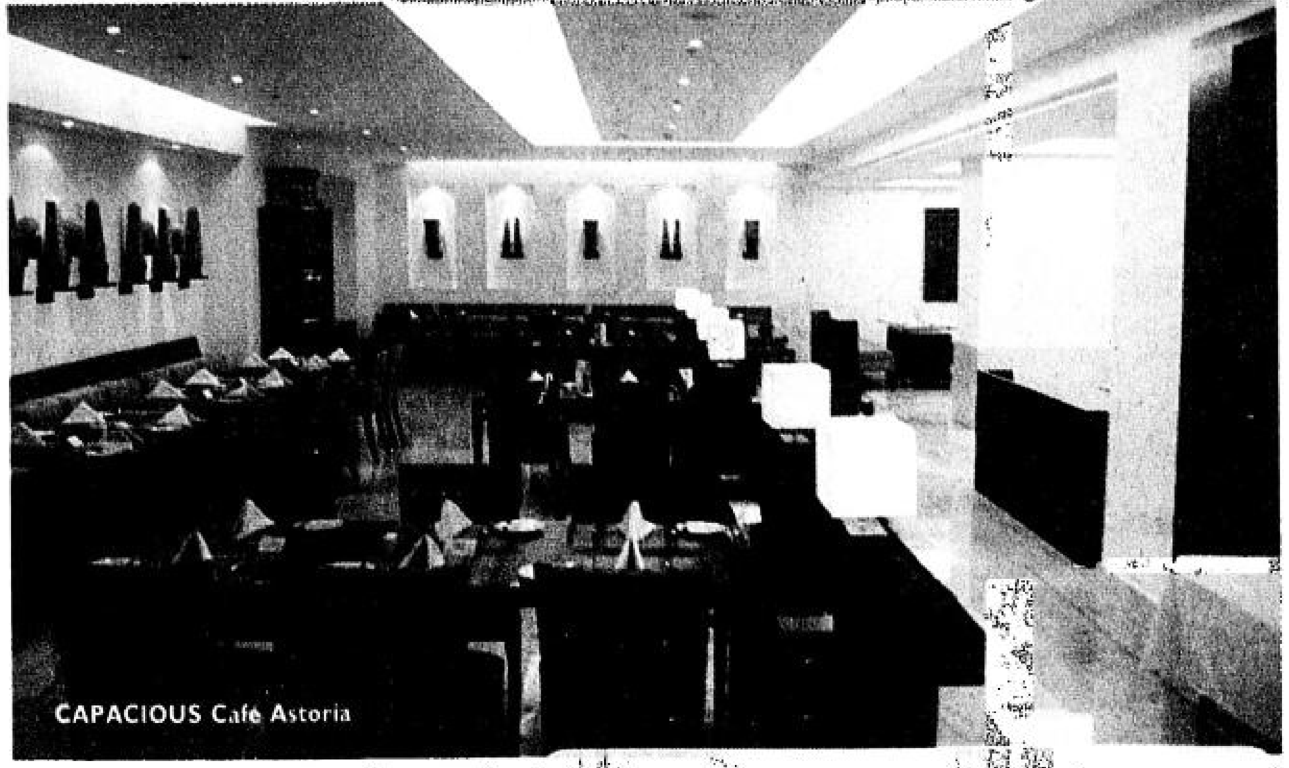
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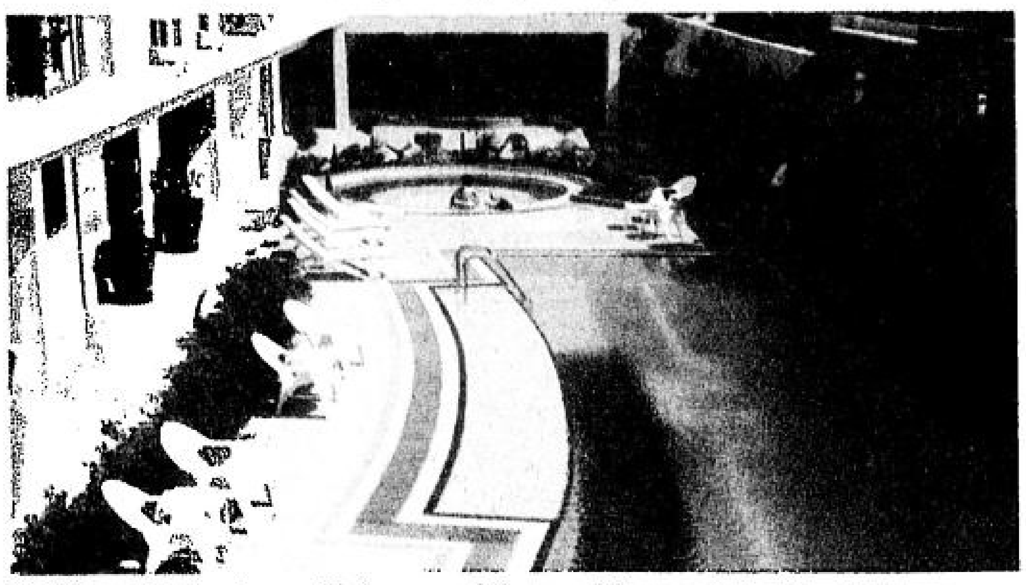
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ASTORIA Plaza, managed by Genesis Hotels and Resorts, offers one-bedroom and two-bedroom suites that combine the spaciousness of home and the convenience of a hotel.

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Café Astoria features daily buffet breakfast and lunch. At night, it becomes a bar with a seating capacity of 80-100 persons. Room service is also available from 6:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

The hotel has nine function rooms and two boardrooms that can accommodate groups of 10-250 persons. Basic meeting facilities, audiovisual equipment and highly professional service staff are provided.

The Business Center, which offers secretarial services, has the latest in information technology. Other services include photocopy, Internet connection, fax and courier.

A 25-meter swimming pool and state-of-the art gym allows guests to unwind after a tough day. Stress Cape, the newly opened spa and massage, offers shiatsu/Swedish and aromatherapy massages, while spa treatments include sea salt body scrub and micro sea body mask, among others.

Salon de Astoria at the ground floor provides a full range of services, from haircut to intricate beauty makeover. Also at ground level, Santis Delicatessen offers a wide variety of food products from the freshest meat to the finest wine.

The hotel also has ample parking space.

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"Rock" Edralin-Tiglao remembered

THE WOMEN'S Crisis Center (WCC) will mark the first death anniversary of its former executive director, Raquel Edralin-Tiglao, with the launching on Feb. 28 of an institute for the prevention of family violence. Edralin-Tiglao was well-known in the women's movement here and abroad as a human rights advocate and feminist counselor.

The Raquel Edralin-Tiglao Institute for Family Violence Prevention will serve as the training and research arm of the WCC. The WCC offers comprehensive services to survivors of wife battering, rape or sexual assault and child sexual abuse. The Institute will seek to multiply the impact of WCC's services by organizing knowledge and skills learned from the Center's experience in preventing or intervening in cases of violence against women and children.

The formal launching of the Institute will be preceded by a commemorative Mass at 5 p.m., followed by a ritual of remembrance, including the installation of Rock's Garden, and cocktails.

In the morning, guests will be treated to an exhibit of Edralin-Tiglao's memorabilia, and invited to participate in paper-crane folding, mural painting, card reading and the sharing of recollections of her and of WCC.

The following day, March 1, a concert dubbed "Rock for Rock" will be staged at 7 p.m. at the UP Theater in Diliman, Quezon City. Among the performers are Grace Nono, Cynthia Alexander, Carol Bello of Pinikpikan, Barbie's Cradle, Color It Red, Session Road, Sandwich, Cheese and Susan Fernandez, who will also host the event.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Institute and the Fund for Women in Crisis, which helps disadvantaged women with legal, medical and counseling needs.

Tickets are available at the Institute (tel. no. 925-7132/33) and the UP Center for Women's Studies (920-6950/6880).

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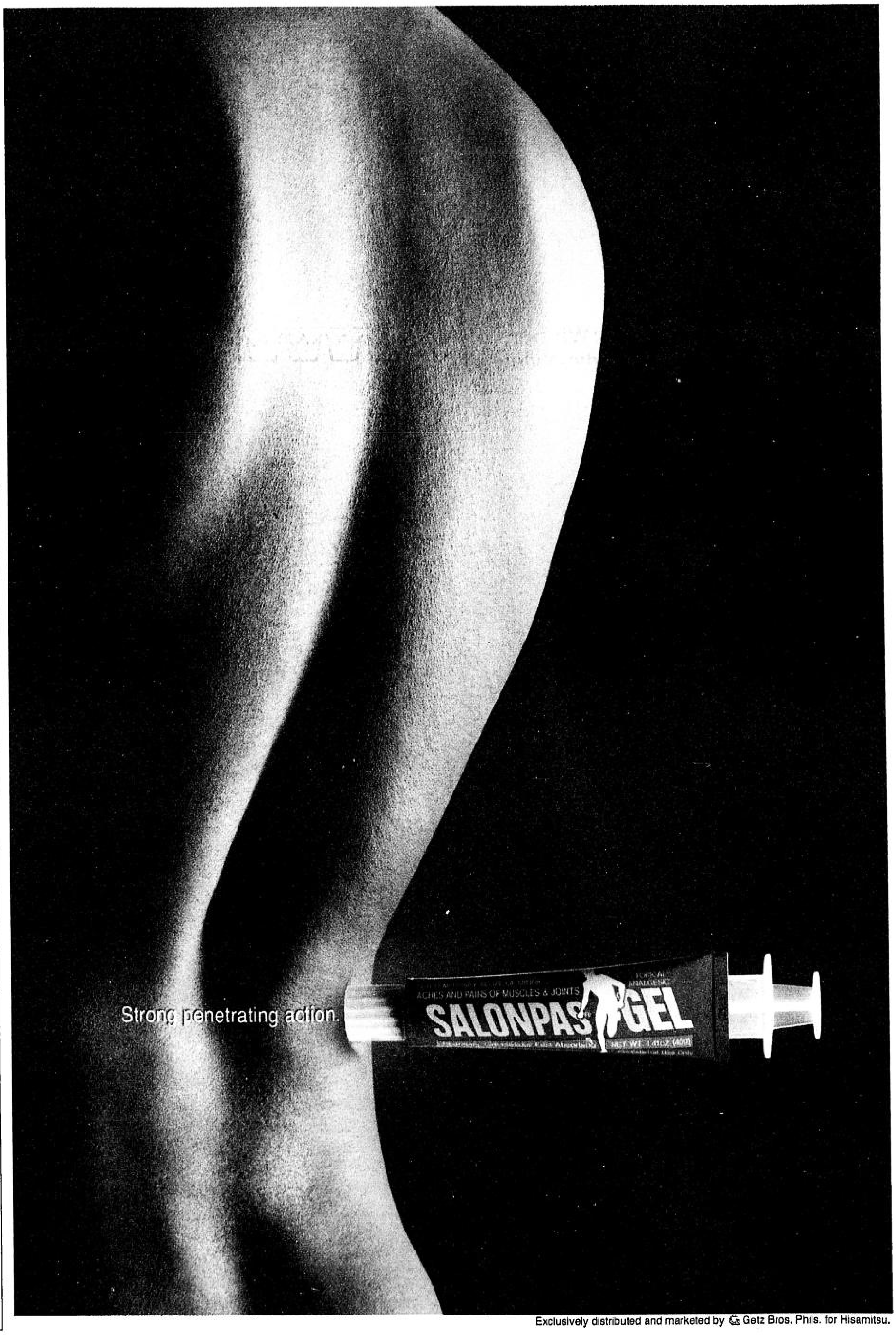
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Teaching street children to hope again

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them are irregular.

Editha Trinidad, a facilitator at Childhope, says the problem is hard to solve because it has become a cycle. The dynamics goes like this: A street kid meets another street kid, they grow up together on the street, marry later, and, naturally, produce another street kid. So now we have on our streets several generations of street children.

"Our aim is to take them away from the street," says Trinidad. "We can refer them to centers or temporary shelters, but it's a long process. It's still the kid's decision, it can't be forced on them, or they'll just escape. Especially now that [we've taught them] their rights.

"Or they can be taken back to their families, if their families can afford. But usually these families are not healthy also. That's why they (the kids) are on the streets in the first place. Minimal *lang ang* reconciliation."

Child's causes

Childhope is committed to, among others:

- Make various sectors aware and understand fully the plight of the street children and their duty to assist them
- Uphold the rights of children through education and spiritual formation
- Protect the children from any form of abuse, exploitation and neglect
- Provide the children access to services and opportunities toward empowerment to promote socioeconomic development
- Help the children realize they are valuable members of society

"Even if these kids are not in a shelter, at least they know how to protect themselves," says Silva.

The organization aims to make the kids aware of the potential dangers of their overall situation, and teach them preventive and protective measures they can take. It also conducts orientation seminars for the police, religious leaders, lawyers, judges, vendors, jeepney drivers and other significant adults.

Street education

Street education is defined as "a continuing process of alternative teaching-learning on the streets through which a street child or youth receives the opportunity to learn to understand, appreciate and relate to himself or herself and others; reflect on his or her situation; and act on what he or she can become to achieve authentic human development."

An average of 15 kids (7-17 years old), which educators call their "clients," attend each session, which is held on the streets. Sessions cover values clarification and spiritual formation; orientation on the rights of the child; STD, HIV/AIDS prevention; drug-abuse prevention; primary health care; personal safety against sexual abuse; paralegal; life planning and life skills.

In some cases the street educators teach basic literacy and numeracy, to enable the kid to count, read and write his/her signature.

STREET educators teach kids how to read, count and write.

As a precaution, educators go out in pairs, usually male and female, with one of them a certified social worker. Each pair is assigned in cluster areas, such as Monumento-Muñoz-Balintawak and Divisoria Mall-Tutuban-C.M. Recto-J. Abad Santos. They work 1-9 p.m.

The educators visit the police station in the area once a week to meet the station commandet for coordination, and to explain their work advocacy. They also check if there are kids jailed for vagrancy and see to it that their detention won't go beyond eight hours and they are not dumped together with adults.

Hardest topic

"They are like the Marines," says Silva. "They're the ones who are sent to the streets and reach out to these children."

Street educator Elvira Ricarte says, *"Para kaming mga sundalo. Kung may barilan, e, di dapa. Kung may mga batang nagsasaksakan, e, di magpa-gitna ka.* Apply first aid later *kung may nasugatan."*

A Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education undergraduate from Laguna, Ricarte, who is called Nanay by the kids, is on her fifth year with Childhope. She covers the Pedro Gil area in Ermita, including Agoncillo and Roxas Boulevard, handling mostly sexually exploited children.

"Usually they're female, because they're the ones most involved in prostitution," she says. "Aside from educating them on the nature of sexually transmitted diseases, we also give counseling, medical checkup. We conduct first aid, or refer them to health centers. *Tinuturuan namin sila ng* Karapatang Pangbata, *ng* Pangunahing Panglunas.

"We talk to them in Tagalog, even our visual aids are in Tagalog, *para higit nilang mauunawaan, kasi hindi sila nakapag-aral. Pinakamahirap* i-discuss *na* topic is life skills and goal setting, when you teach them how they can fulfill their dreams, when it is time to decide. When they reach 17, the door narrows, and by 18, it is closed—and all the privileges of the child are taken away from them."

To Ricarte, nothing could be more poignant to hear than when a youth on the verge of adulthood would approach her and anxiously say: "Nanay, *nanganganib na ang edad ko, 'no?"*

Job hazard

Some of the street kids have graduated to become street educators themselves.

Richard de Villena was a street kid who grew up near the Paco marketplace.

Now 25, and a BSEEd undergraduate, he has been a street educator for three years, covering the area around Ospital ng Maynila, Aristocrat Restaurant, Remedios Circle.

He relates one incident when, during a session, two boys high on solvent started throwing stones at each other, shattering the windshield of a car parked nearby. De Villena tried to explain to the owner what happened but he had to herd away the kids.

"We teach them how to protect themselves, like if they're arrested, at least they know their rights," he says. "Our aim is to see to it that their stay on the street will not be prolonged, *para hindi sila mapahamak."*

Another former street kid, Butch Nerja, used to hustle his way from Divisoria to Luneta and Ermita. Now 39, and a BS Psychology undergraduate, he has been a street educator for seven years.

He covers the Binondo area, including Escolta, Muelle de Industria, Juan Luna. Problems he encounters usually stem from drug abuse.

He says he explains to them the effects of drugs on the brain, "the hallucinations, accidents that can happen and the possibility of death—so they'll better appreciate the value of life. We have to refer some cases to rehabilitation centers."

The educators confide they become targets over the kids' cases with the police, crime syndicates and other adults. *"Nasa kalye kami, kaya kami ang pag-iinitan,"* says Nerja. "What we can do is empower them, guide them on how to make decisions."

Fragile ground

Childhope Int'l. has since been dissolved and only the regional body exists. As it no longer receives international funding, programs have to depend on local donations.

"We're now on our own," says Silva. "But I don't know how to fund-raise, because we were well funded before. And potential donors don't know the nature of our work. They want to build a shelter, something they can see. They just don't understand this thing called street education."

The organization is on fragile ground. Some educators may not receive their salaries in the next few months.

"We really must get sponsors, for their salaries, SSS, Pag-ibig—at least a monthly P12,000 per educator," says Silva. "We're now trying to be visible, to let companies and corporations know us, for them to support at least six educators this year."

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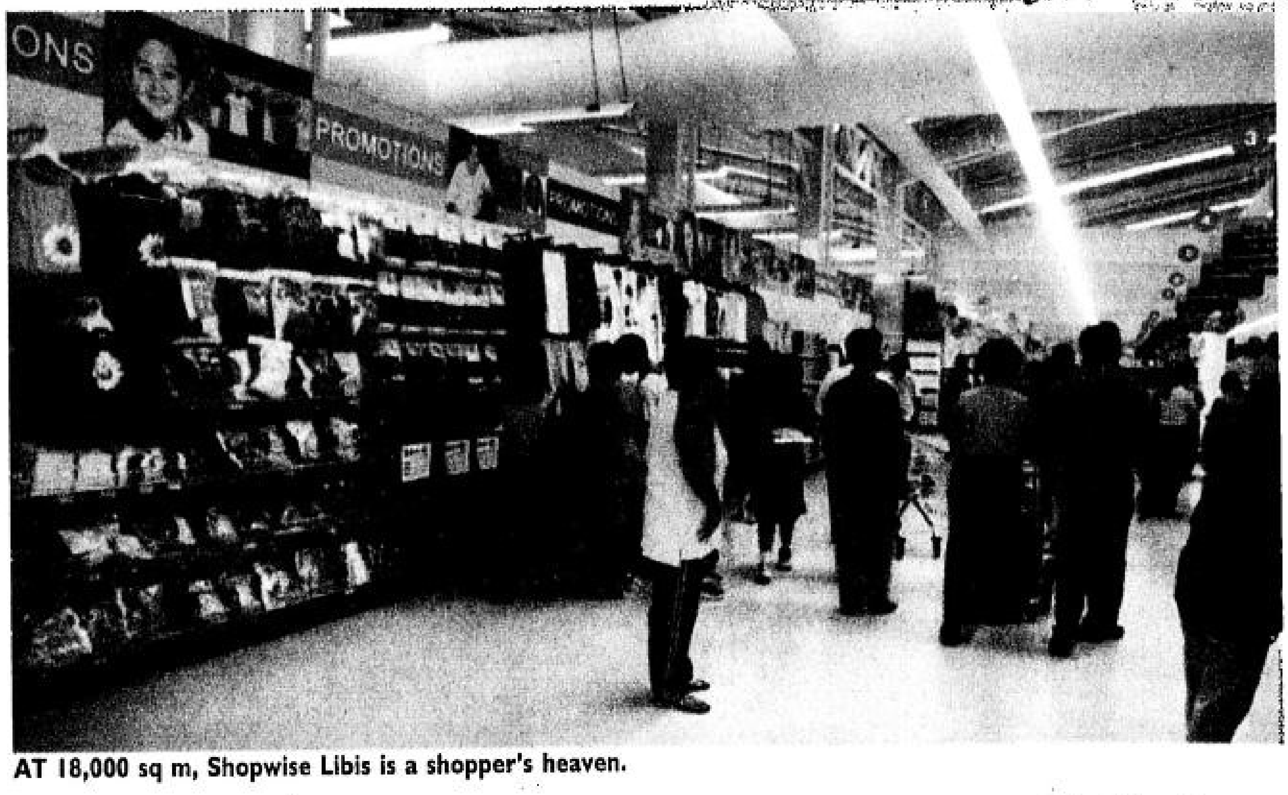

AT 18,000 sq m, Shopwise Libis is a shopper's heaven.

Wise shopping comes to Libis

Shopwise has just opened its biggest store in an area that has become the newest leisure frontier

By Cathy Guballa

ANY MOTHER knows that a supermarket close to one's home is always a most welcome feature. Having lived in the C5-Libis area, I had always hoped to have a major shopping center built just a heartbeat away from my house mainly for convenience's sake. That it would open early and stay open long after all the other stores had closed would certainly be an added plus. Thus, when Shopwise Supercenter opened its third branch in the C5-Libis area on the first week of February, clearly, for me, and perhaps for most of the residents in the many subdivisions that surround the area, it was an answered prayer.

With an area of 18,000 sq m, the Shopwise Supercenter in Libis is the largest store in the Shopwise chain. Its aisles are so huge and long that you can actually roller-skate through them without worrying you may hit the merchandise. Some of the sales staff at Shopwise actually wear roller-skates as they fix the shelves and attend to customer's needs. The layout is such that it will remind you of the huge stores in the United States like Target and Wal-Mart. Very clean with a vast array of quality merchandise, fresh goods at wet-market prices—everything you will ever need for your home can be found at Shopwise. Be prepared though to do a lot of walking as you will find out once you step into this particular Shopwise store.

No hassle

To begin with, parking is not a hassle as there are enough slots for everybody. On the ground floor is an area designated for a food court that is expected to be fully operational in March. The main shopping area is on the building's second floor and advocates for the disabled will rejoice in the wide "walkalator" that conveniently carries customers to the main shopping hall. Upon entering the second floor, you will be met by several checkout counters that are manned by friendly staffers who know their products and their job quite well. On opening week they were quite adept at explaining the values of a Shopwise card and how one could avail of it.

Right behind the checkout counters are the areas that carry the impressive Shopwise clothing line for men, women and children. The styles and colors are pretty. Perhaps because Shopwise belongs to the same family that runs Rustan's department store, you can be assured of quality and style at reasonable prices. Begin walking toward the back and that's where you will find the supermarket, the fresh produce, meat, fish and deli sections one after the other. Every imaginable cut of meat and virtually all kinds of seafood can be found here. Vegetarians will have a field day checking out the greens and fruits that are lusciously displayed on the counter. Bread lovers will delight in scouring the aisles for the brand of choice—wheat, rye, bagels, toast, sticks, pita—they have all kinds.

Move a little further toward the front and you hit the toiletries section which again has every imaginable soap, shampoo, conditioner and cologne you can think of and some that you haven't even seen before. Further down is the houseware section, the bed and bath section which carries a huge and vast array of lovely merchandise that you could furnish your home or condominium with (think flatware, plates, bedsheets, towels and shower curtains). Even appliances can be found here—television sets, DVD players, toasters, microwaves, blenders, everything. There is even a small stationery section to stock up supplies for the home office. Clearly, one can spend an entire morning just browsing through the Shopwise shelves!

Opening day found C5-Libis residents flocking to see rapellers come down from the roof to unveil the Shopwise facade. The whole-day festivities began at 11 a.m. with Mayor Sonny Belmonte, television host Kris Aquino and former Ambassador Bienvenido Tantoco and grandson Donnie Tantoco, executive vice president and general manager of Shopwise cutting the ribbon. Afterward, there was a spectacle of a show with Geneva Cruz and Jinky Llamanzares as guest stars. In the evening, Barbie's Cradle and Brownbeat All-Stars' regaled the crowd with their songs.

Truly, Shopwise is a most welcome neighbor in the highly progressive C5-Libis area. As Kris Aquino herself told the audience that morning, her sisters living in Greenmeadows were so thrilled to have a supercenter so close to their home. Now, if we could only have a major bookstore and a drugstore in the vicinity, the neighborhood would be complete.

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EXECUTIVE vice president and general manager Donnie Tantoco, Kris Aquino, Mayor Sonny Belmonte and Ambassador Bienvenido Tantoco

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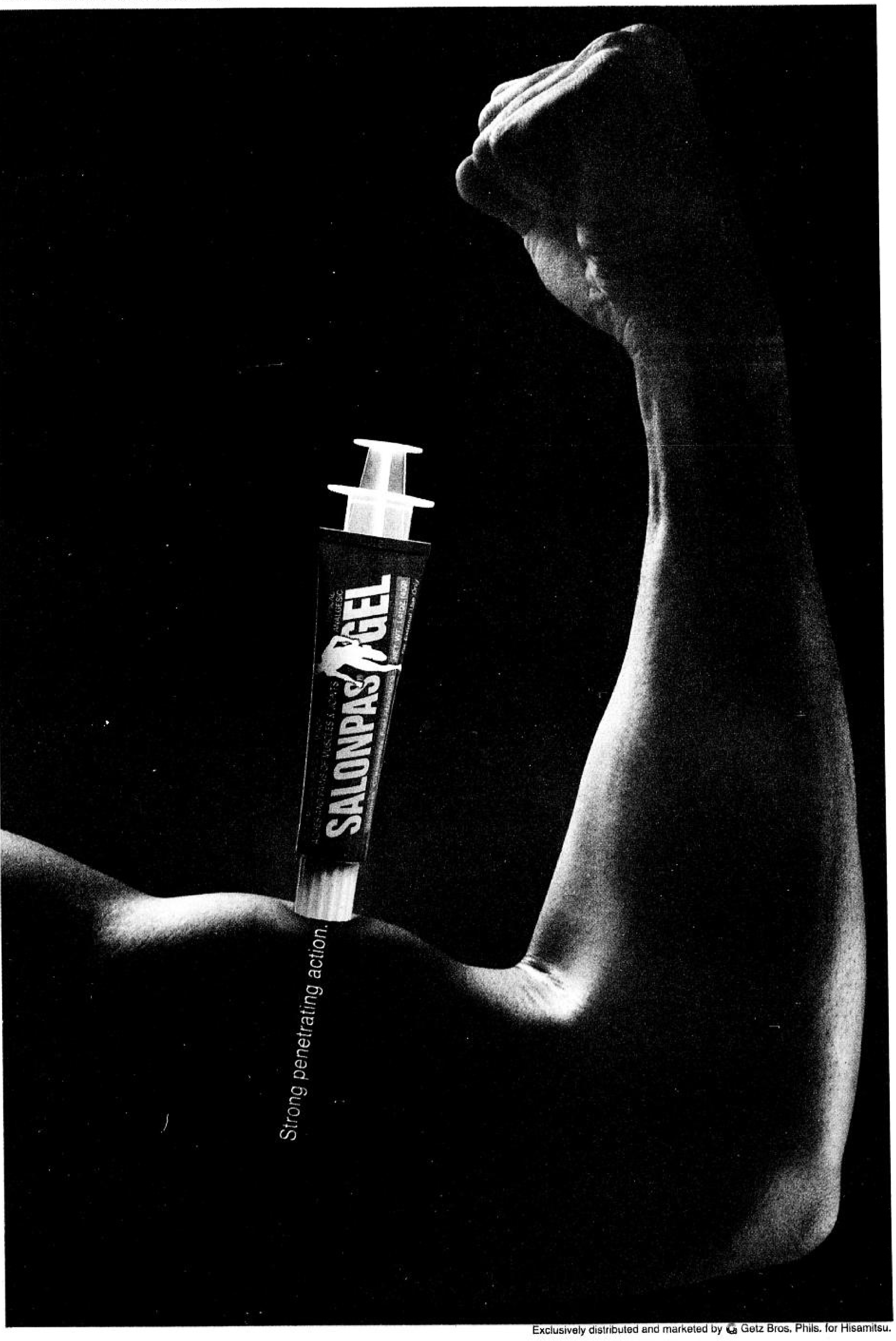

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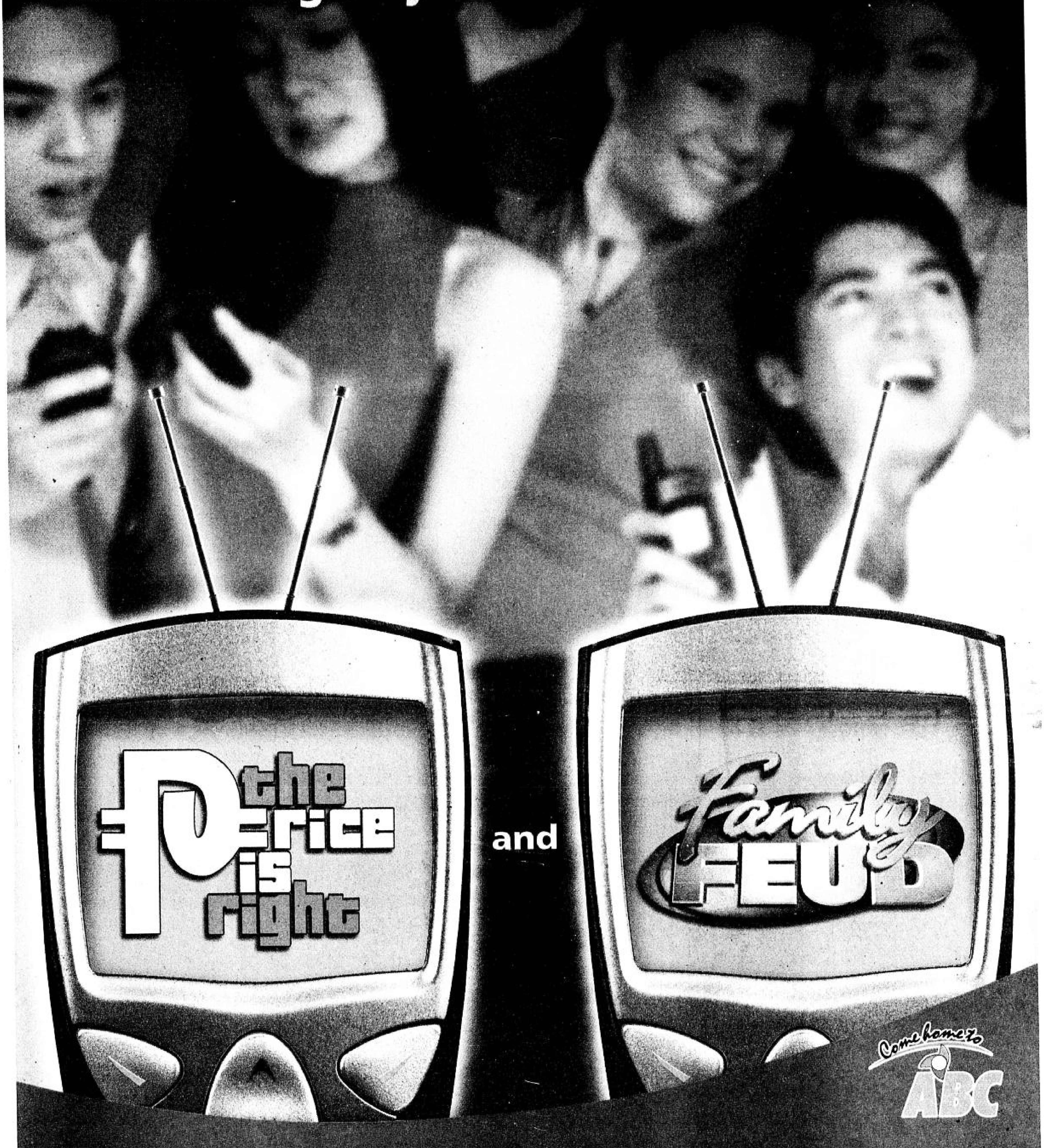

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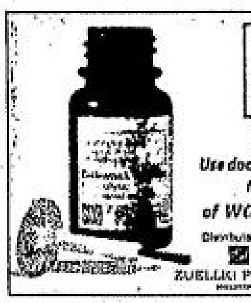

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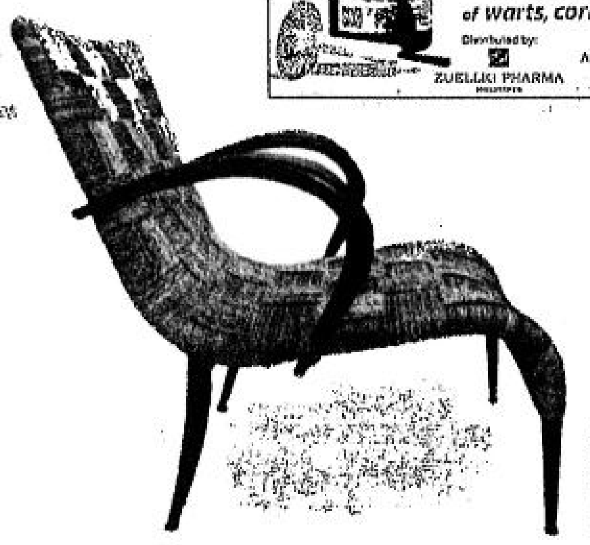

ARTE Cana's armchair wrapped in madras rope

Pinoy *furniture* makes the global grade

By Rowena C. Burgos
Photos by Jim Gulao Punzalan

Filipino artisans integrate abaca, rattan, wood and wrought iron into furniture pieces that satisfy global tastes and trends

THE MANTRA of the advertising world is "Find a need and fill it." In home furnishings, the imperative is "Make a statement." This is what Trayline Corp., Lakan Metal Corp. and Arte Cana have been doing since they have found a profitable niche in catering to those trying to keep up with the Joneses.

Trayline Corp., Lakan Metal Corp.and Arte Cana are only three of the 111 exhibitors in the 6th Philippine International Furniture Show (PIFS), which will be held Feb. 28 to March 3 at the World Trade Center in Manila.

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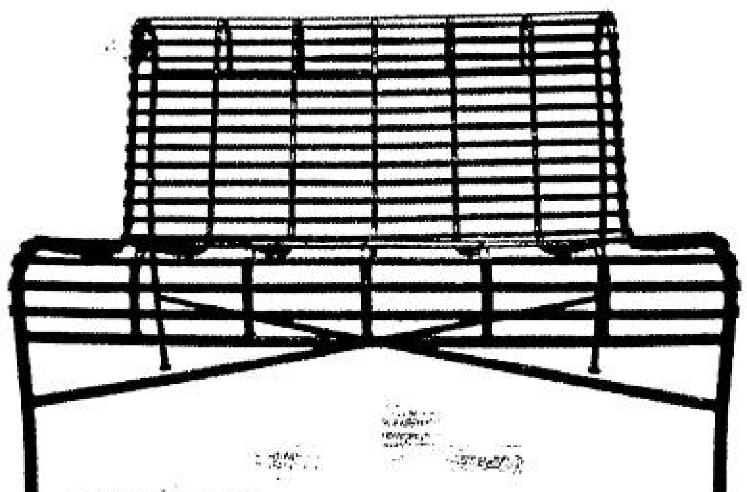

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March 2 (Saturday) 9:00-4:00 p.m. P1,500 BAKING II By: Heny Sison *Ube Butter Cake, Sour Cream Pound Cake, Walnut Pie, Cheesecake Tart, Crema de Fruta & Ensaymada

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March 5 (Tuesday) 9:00-4:00 p.m. P1,500 CHOCOLATE DESSERTS By: Heny Sison *Denise Chocolate Truffle Cake, Chocolate Chocolate Cupcakes, Baked Cookies and Cream Cheesecake, Dark Chocolate Pot de Crème, Chocolate Mousse and Chocolate Banana Souffle

March 6 (Wednesday) 9:00-12:30 p.m. P1,200 ALL-AMERICAN PIES By: Jill Sandique, Chef Food Consultant & Food Stylist, Blue Ribbon graduate of Peter Kump's New York Cooking School *Black Bottom Pie, Boston Cream Pie, Derby Pie, Mud Pie, Key Lime Pie and Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cream Pie

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March 25 (Monday) 9:30-4:00 p.m. P1,200 ROLLS & MERINGUES by: Jill Sandique *Hazelnut Dacquoise, Meringuette, Strawberry Almond Meringue Torte, Double Chocolate Roulade, Mocha Roulade and Baked Alaska

March 26 (Tuesday) 9:30-2:30 p.m. P1,200 DESSERTS MADE EASY by: Jill Sandique *Frozen Coffee Cream Roll, Chocolate Bavarian, Snow Mousse, Floating Island, Mango Ice Box Cake and Butterscotch Banana Cream Pie

Heny Sison at Julius Maggi Kitchen #31 Plaza Drive, Rockwell Center, Makati City

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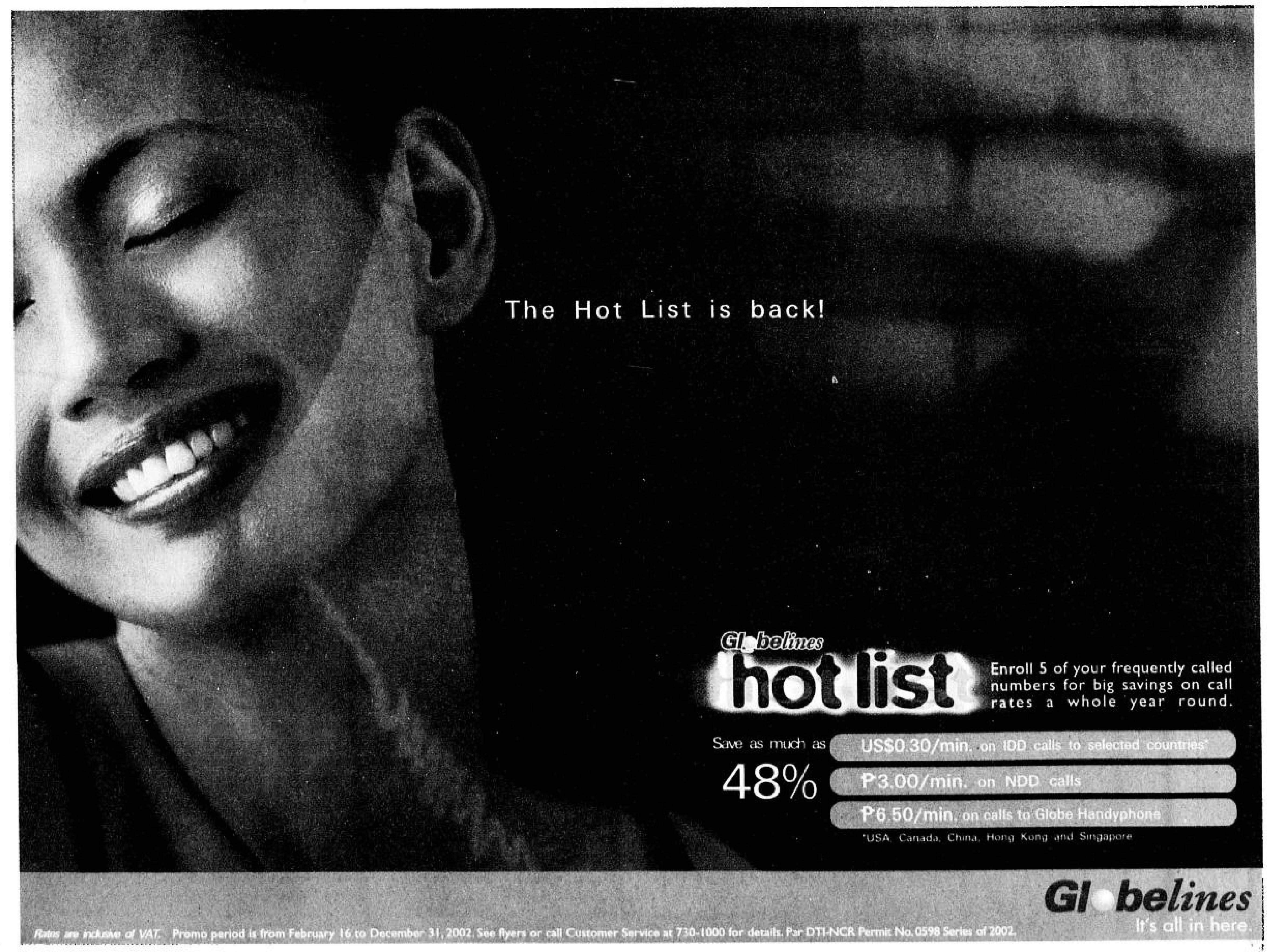
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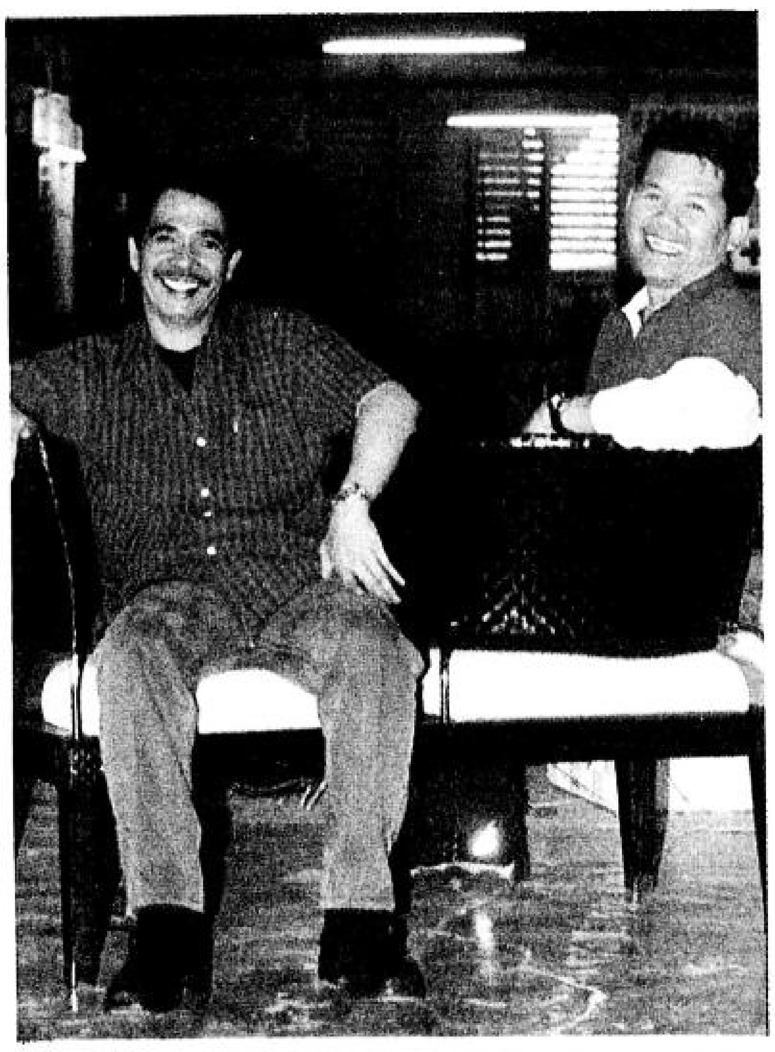

TRAYLINE Corp. president Joel Aguilos (left) and designer Delfin Pinero showcase an Alfaro lovers' sofa.

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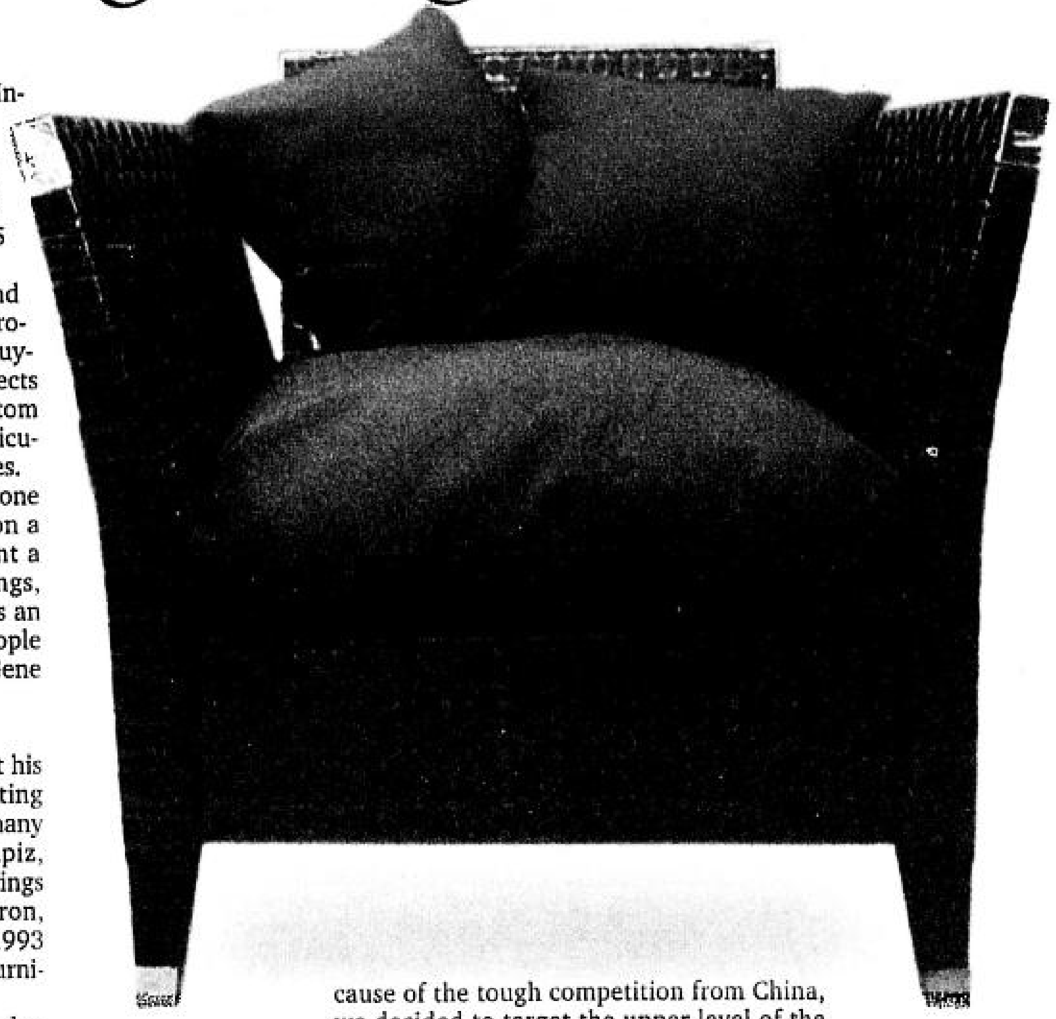
Organized by the Chamber of Furniture Industries of the Philippines, the PIFS showcases the artistry and innovative skills of Filipino furniture designers and makers. With this year's expected 2,500 buyers from 63 countries, it bids to hit $45 million in total sales.

The people behind Trayline, Lakan and Arte Cana are adventurers at heart; their products have interested local and foreign buyers. Talks about blighted business prospects do not apply here since demand for custom furniture has soared in recent years, particularly for companies that do high-end pieces.

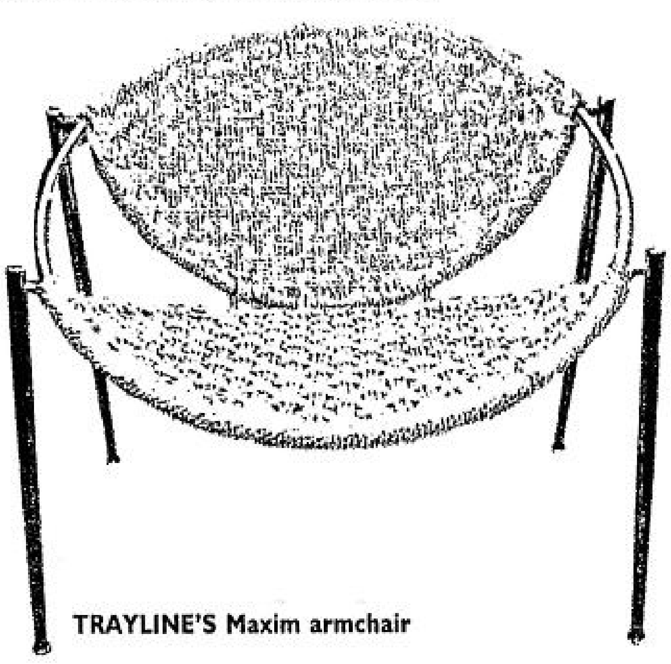
"Some people just want something no one else has... sort of the snob appeal. Or on a more practical side, a person may want a piece of furniture that does specific things, like store their collection of CDs or act as an entertainment center. And then some people just appreciate really fine things," says Gene Soler, PIFS design consultant.

Functional and elegant

Joel Aguilos, president of Trayline, got his start as a tray maker 15 years ago, creating simple pieces and exporting them to Germany and Switzerland. Today, the rattan, capiz, wood and mattings used in his early offerings have given way to a meld of wrought iron, leather, rattan and wood. The trays of 1993 have been replaced by intricately carved furniture items.



ORO armchair by Trayline



TRAYLINE'S Maxim armchair

"We started with simple furniture. But because of the tough competition from China, we decided to target the upper level of the market by introducing high-end works. China is not our competitor in terms of design and elaborate details because it's into mass production and offers cheap labor," says Aguilos.

Since Trayline was doing good, Aguilos ignored invitations to furniture shows. "But because of competition, rapid changes in design, colors and trends, I realized that we were lagging behind so we joined the PIFS in 1995. Since then, the exhibit has been a great help both to Trayline and the furniture industry." Every year, Aguilos and designer Delfin Pinero attend shows in Japan, Germany and Italy. Smania in Italy is Trayline's biggest client, whose store products are mostly created by the latter.

Known for items that are functional and elegant and which blend the modern look with traditional materials, Trayline has won Best Product Design for three consecutive years from the PIFS. "Our motto is to compete by heart. We put in a lot of effort, money and tal-

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> In the export furniture scene, Filipino designs are considered top of the line

"Pag dating sa palaman, dapat masustansya."
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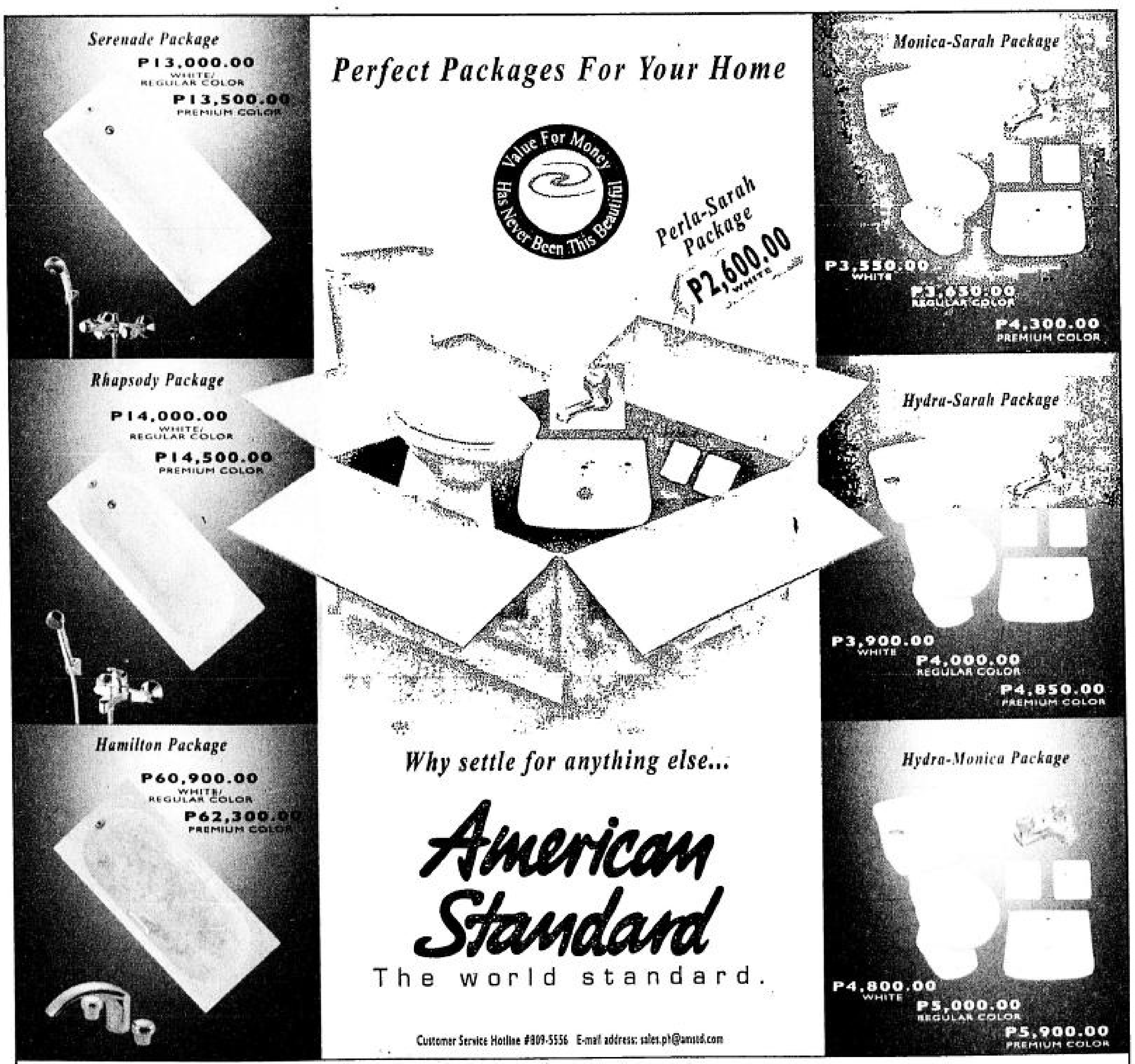
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"I love the Taster's Choice instant coffee, which is P100 cheaper at S&R Price than anywhere else," says Milagros Garma, a widow with eight children and businesswoman who runs her own lending company.

Garma goes to S&R Price at Fort Bonifacio every week not only to buy food and groceries for her household, but also to let her grandchildren enjoy the pizza and hotdogs. A diamond member since November 2000, Garma says the best thing about S&R Price is the daily low prices on world-class, name-brand imported and local merchandise. "With my P5,000, I can buy so much here. I would get less for my money elsewhere."

Garma also admits that because she's at S&R Price every week, she ends up purchasing more than what her family needs. Bath and laundry soap, fresh meat, fish and seafood, and even rice are among the basic household needs she buys at the 5,000-sq-m warehouse. For her children and grandchildren, Garma gets toys, chocolates and even clothes. "The kids love to play in the nearby park when we go to S&R at Fort Bonifacio even if we live in Murphy, QC," says Garma.

Armando Nierva, a business member since April 2001, has his own mini grocery outside his house in Guadalupe, Makati City. A retired Philippine Army personnel, he goes to S&R Price at Fort Bonifacio at least six times a month for his home and business requirements. Before S&R Price, Nierva used to go to a supermarket in Mandaluyong City that used to carry the lowest prices in town.

"That supermarket had the cheapest prices until S&R Price opened. When S&R says it has everyday low prices, it's really true," says Nierva, who now shops for 30 percent of his mini grocery needs at the American-style warehouse.

White sugar is only one of the staples that is priced lower at S&R Price, he adds. Outside, the price is P12.80/kg while the warehouse retails it for only P12. Nierva also buys canned goods and condiments such as soy sauce and vinegar. For his family, Nierva buys rotisserie chicken, which his three children love. The chicken is also served when the family has guests. "Most of our *noche buena* fare, including fruits, was bought at S&R Price," Nierva narrates.

S&R Price Membership Shopping opens its third store at Ramon Magsaysay, Congressional Avenue, Bago Bantay, QC on March 18. Membership sign-ups are accepted at the store site. Call 929-8888 or 925-9957.

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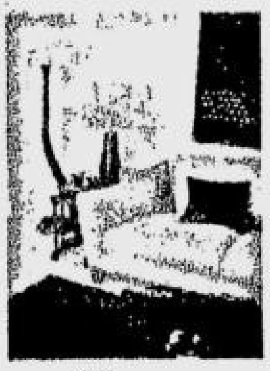

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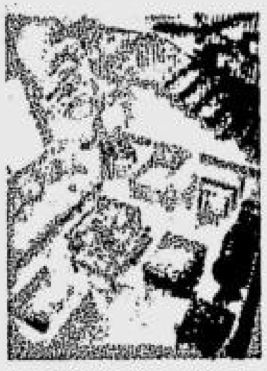

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Pinoy furniture makes the global grade

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ent in order to come up with eye-catching pieces that are all hand-crafted."

And the secret of success to any endeavor, Aguilos emphasizes, is perseverance. "Many times in the past, I almost quit. But it's not the solution to the problem. Besides, I love what I'm doing. There are risks and difficulties, but they're part of any business."

Trayline Corp. is located at E13-167 National Road, Bangiad, Taytay, Rizal, with tel. 658-0652/8781/0661.

Modern edge

While the look, for the most part, is timeless, wrought iron gives each piece a modern edge. Gazebos, planters, furniture and furnishings boast clean lines with soft curves that give the items an Art Deco feel.

Lakan Metal Corp.'s handcrafted Spanish-inspired metal furniture and accessories are mostly assembled in Bo. Tabun, Angeles City, Pampanga.

Although the company was established in 1996, Domingo Nakpil had been exporting rattan poles since 1953. He shifted to woodworks and later ventured into reproduction of houses. Since he introduced the Margarita bistro set and miniature and big gazebos in the market in 1992, Lakan has been regularly getting orders of the items from Canada, France, the US, Holland and Switzerland. "Hard work is the secret of Lakan's success," Nakpil says.

Lakan Metal Corp.'s warehouse and display room are located at 7 Mount Vernon St., Mountainview Village, Marikina, tel. 646-1549/2532/5209.

Simplicity and balance

A gallery of pieces that are triumphs of simplicity and balance, Arte Cana features indigenous material-and-steel works that eschew ornamentation in favor of line.

Established in the US as Aeta in 1995, Arte Cana initially distributed Philippine furniture and accessories. According to Jofel Babaran, president of Arte Cana, the company used to sell traditional-looking rattan pieces, "which were selling at that time, but not really making money. So we moved into the contemporary look, more of Western forms using indigenous materials."

The company's Julianne Collection uses a variety of materials to

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"Dapat masarap."

ARTE Cana's sectional sofa in abaca with upholstered cushion, two-seater sofa in madras rope and upholstered cushion and abaca twine coffee table

The international furniture fair on Feb. 28 to March 3 expects $45 million in sales

JOFEL Babaran, president of Arte Cana

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create an eclectic ensemble. The line features a dining table made of bamboo over wood with glass top, sofa chair made of *tanguile*, Philippine mahogany, carabao raw hide and handwoven leather, abaca and Philippine mahogany chairs and glider rockers that can be easily mixed and matched.

Babaran, who gets design ideas from interior centers in Chicago, plays around with forms and materials that are indigenous to the Philippines. "By doing so, the furniture is given a totally new look," he says. In the 1998 PIFS, the company was nominated for Best Product Collection for its Julianne Collection.

"The company is still far from what I envision it to be. But I believe that the success of any business depends on how dedicated you are to giving clients the best products and service."

Arte Cana's showroom is located at the 4/F Interior Center, Open Space, SM Megamall B. Its main office is at 3 Iris St., West Fairview, QC, tel. 983-0923 and 930-1288.

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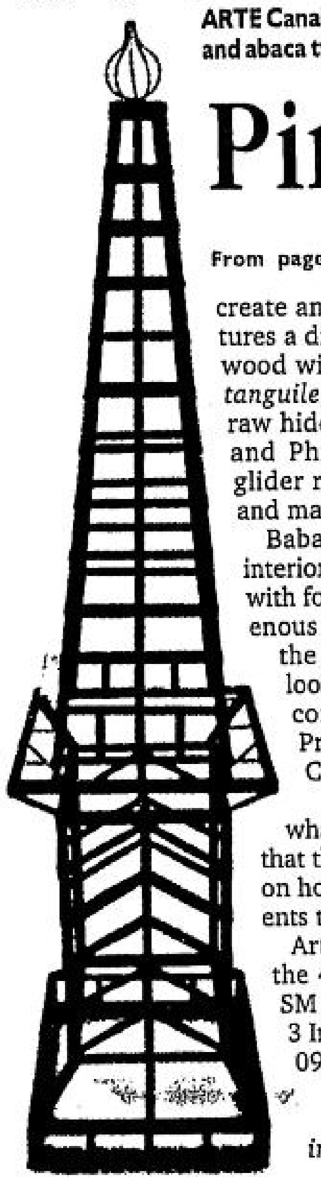

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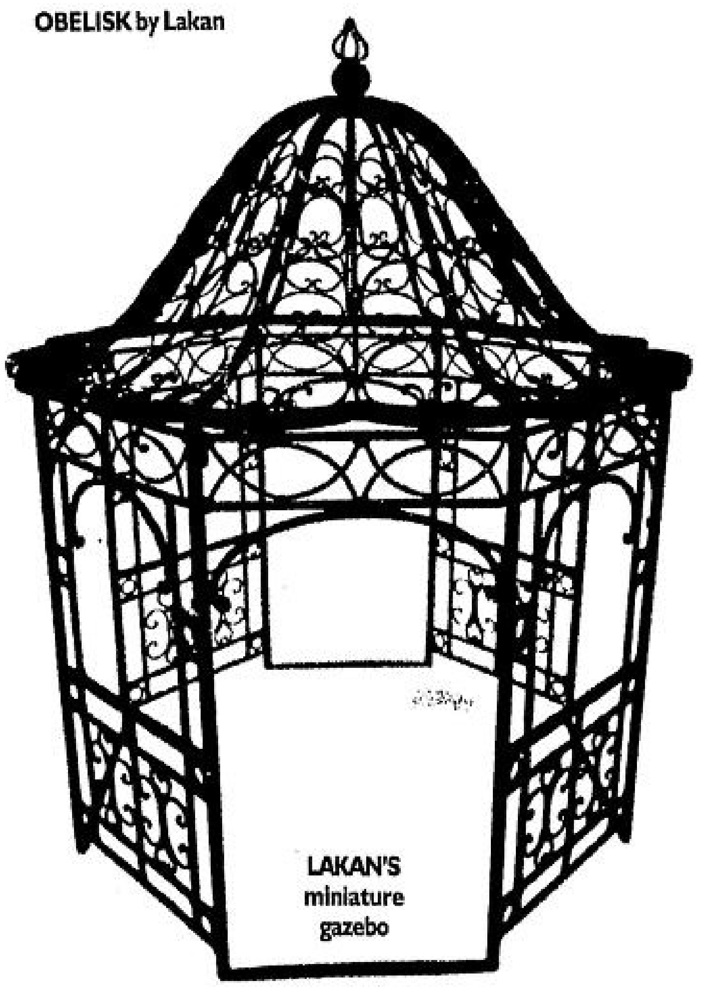
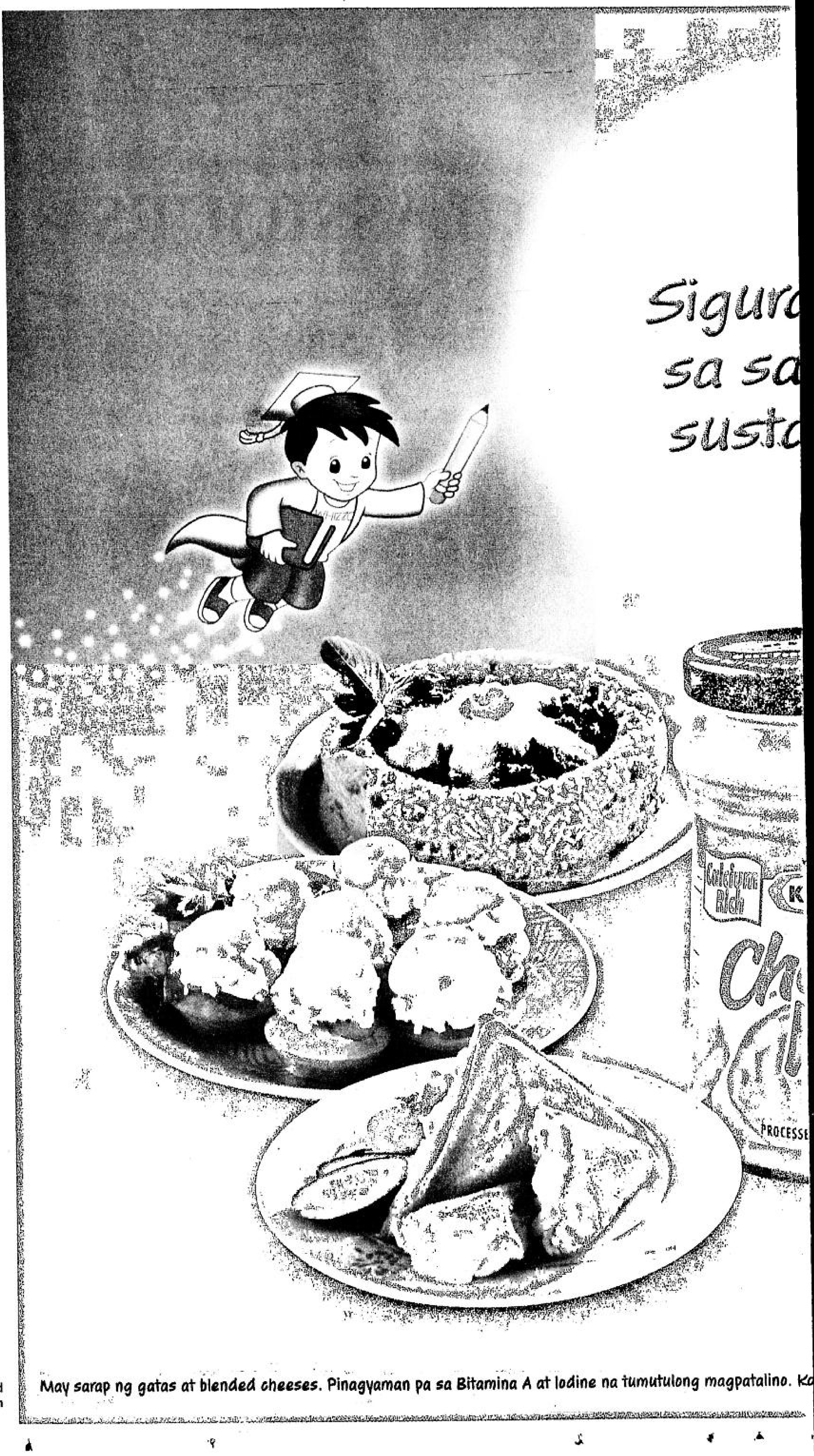
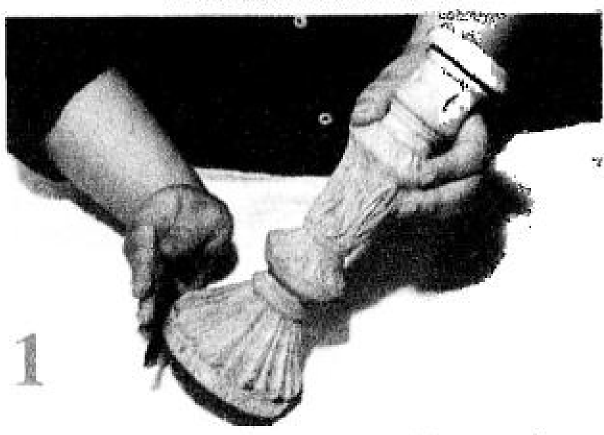


LAKAN'S miniature gazebo

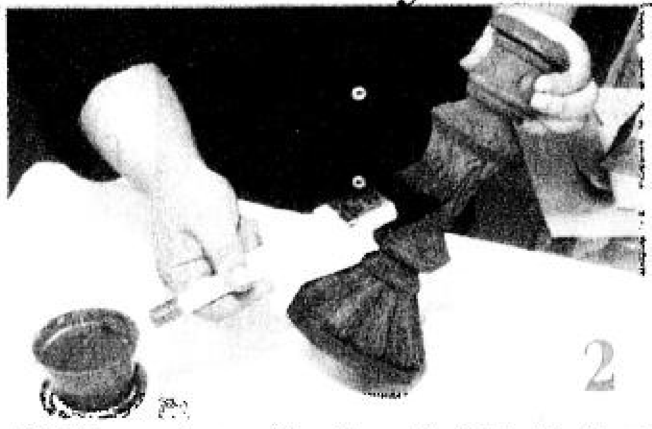
LAKAN Metal Corp.'s team: (seated) Domingo Nakpil, president, and Pearlie Mariquina, export manager, on a love seat. Standing behind them is Allan Nakpil, general manager.



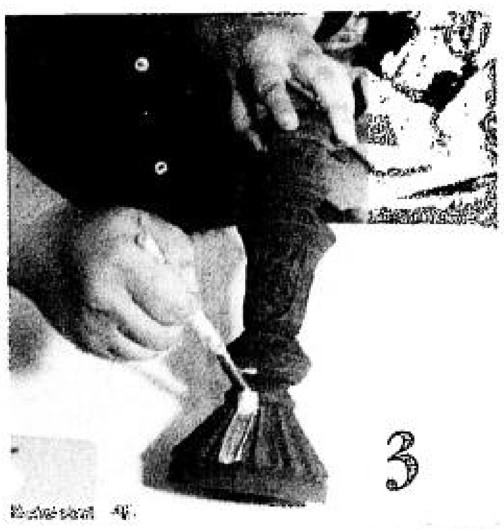
May sarap ng gatas at blended cheeses. Pinagyaman pa sa Bitamina A at Iodine na tumutulong magpatalino. Ka



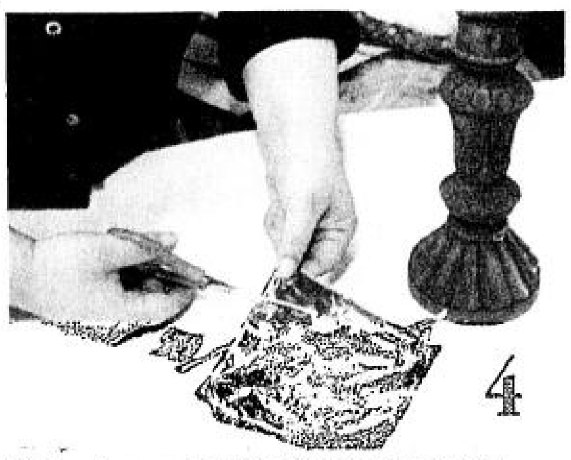
PREPARE surface of candlestick. Sand it for smoothness. Using a rag, remove dust and other particles. Seal with sanding sealer using a paintbrush. Let dry for a few minutes.



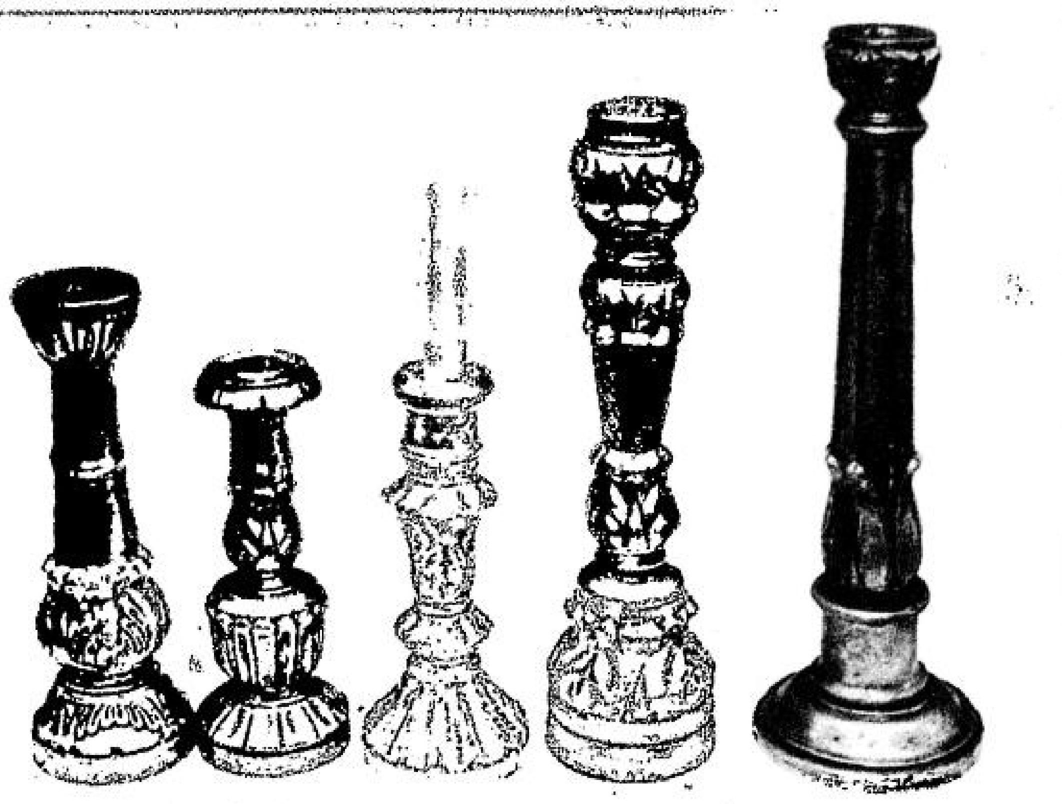
APPLY a coat of latex paint on the candlestick. Let dry for at least two hours. Then apply another coat of paint on the candlestick. If using gold leaf, base coat with venetian red or reddish brown latex paint. (For silver leaf, base coat with black).



COAT candlestick with goldsize. Leave for at least an hour until it becomes transparent.



CUT out a page of gold or silver leaf to about 2 inches square.



EXQUISITE candelabras using the gilding technique

Making old things new

By Vangie Baga-Reyes
Photos by Roger Carpio

Gilding makes old furniture and accessories shine with the sheen of the just out

CRAFT

DO YOU want your old furniture and home accessories to look fresh, brand new and precious all over again? Try this special decorative art technique called gilding.

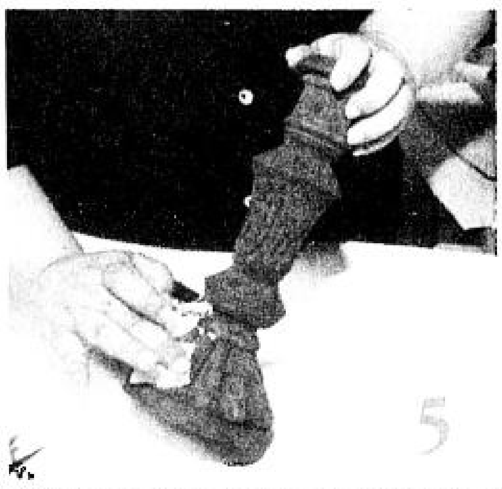
"Gilding has always been regarded as one of the more beguiling and mysterious of crafts," says Tinggay Cinco, president of the Decorative Arts Guilds of the Philippines. One special method of gilding is the use of metallic leaf such as gold and silver.

"A touch of gold or silver, outlining drawer fronts, tabletops, or highlighting relief carving, chair legs and backs, adds considerable class," she adds.

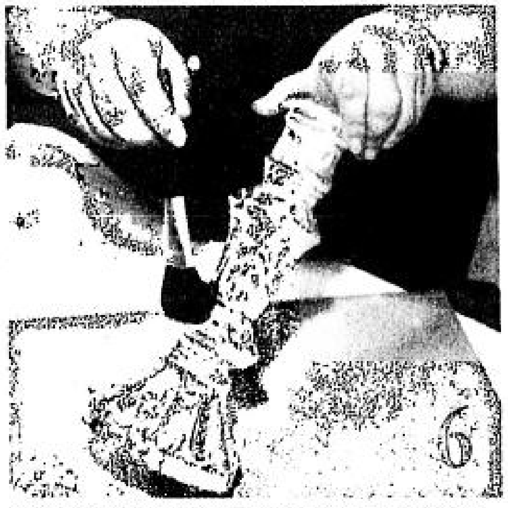
The simple gilding technique shown here is not so costly as to be prohibitive. It can be confidently undertaken by any reasonably neat-fingered person.

Gold leaf consists of squares of leaf mounted on sheets of waxed tissue, which come in booklets. It is an extremely thin sheet of gold about the size of a floppy disk. A piece of gold leaf is infinitely thinner than the thinnest paper. Gold leaf has been used to decorate all sorts of different things, such as picture frames, furniture, or any wooden items like old chests and candelabras. This is used to achieve wonderful areas of shimmering gold like the background of early panel paintings.

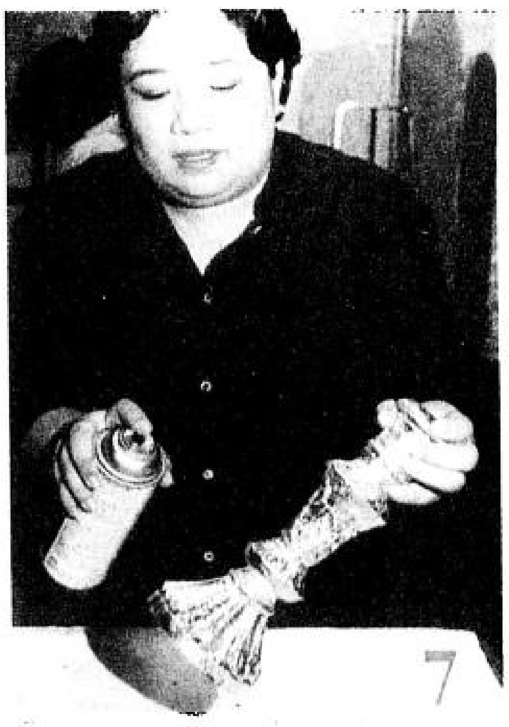
To begin this project, you will need a wooden candlestick, latex paint (Venetian red), gold or silver leaf, quick-drying goldsize, polyurethane varnish (in oil-based, spray or liquid form), paintbrushes, sanding sealer and oil color paint in tubes (optional). Most of these materials are available at Home Finds at Mercato showroom at 4402 Dallas St., Bangkal, Makati, with tel. 888-5590.



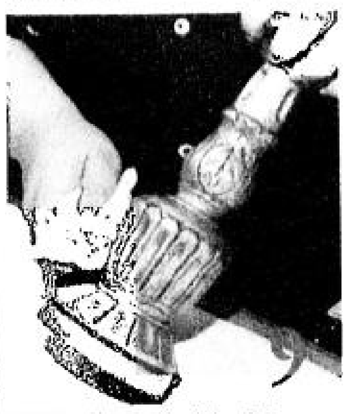
APPLY to goldsize. Rub the gold leaf with your finger and remove the transfer paper once the gold leaf has stuck. Lay the next sheet to slightly overlap the first, and repeat the procedure, continuing until you come to the end of the design.



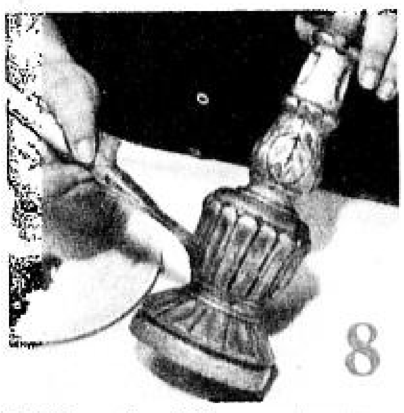
CAREFULLY brush off any loose metal with a soft paintbrush. Keep the gold crumbs for future use. Repair any "skips" on the leafed surface by pressing on scraps or metal while the size is still sticky.



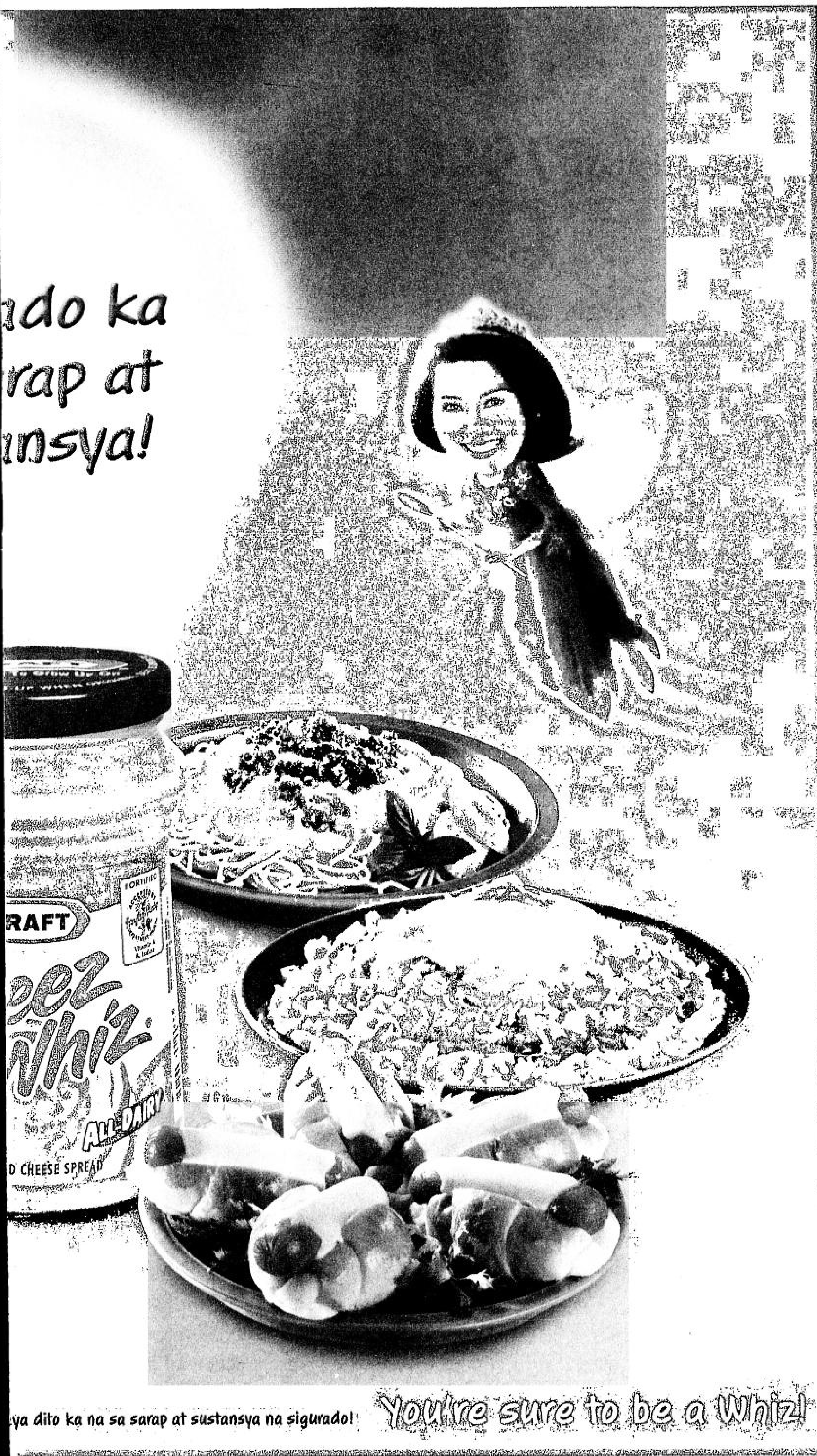
PAINT or spray candlestick with oil-based polyurethane varnish. Let dry for a day.



WIPE off candlestick with a rag while still wet, paying special attention to curves and crevices. Seal again with varnish.



THIS is optional. If you want your candelabra to have an antique finish, paint the candelabra with oil color paint (raw umber for gold; black for silver).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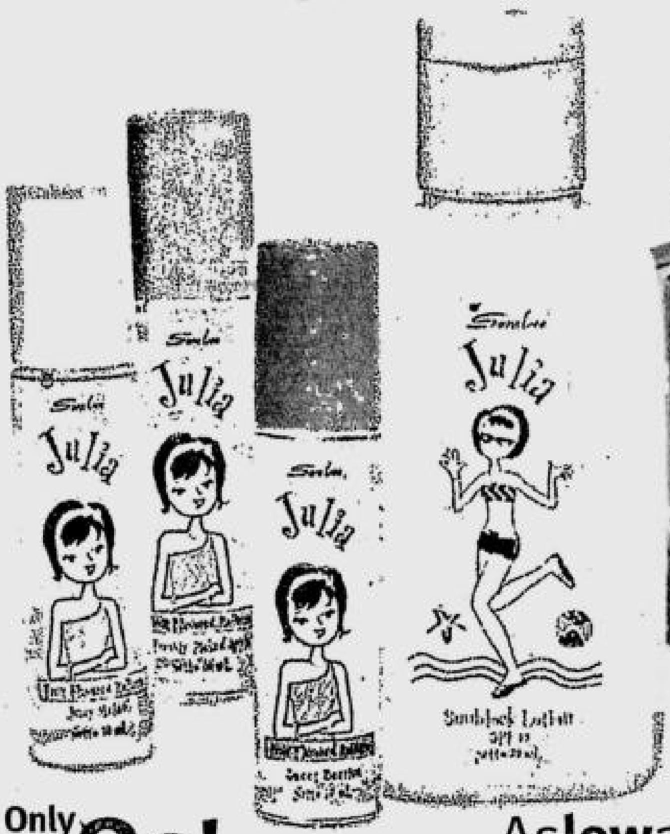

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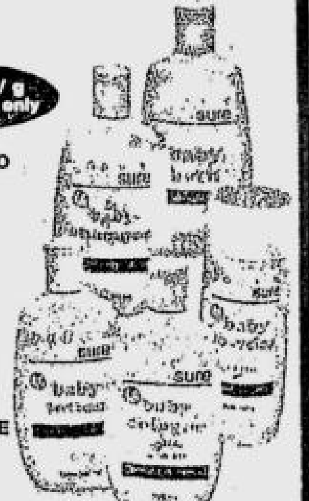

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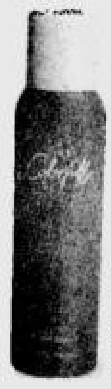

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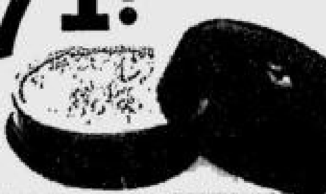

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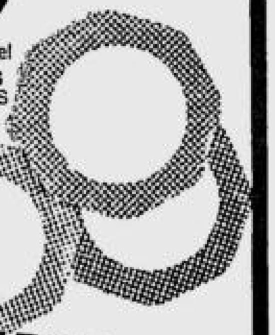

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Paying customers don't deserve billing foul-up of utility companies

THE CONSUMER

Marietta Velasco Giron

"SHAME award" is what Maynilad Water Services and Destiny Cable deserves to get for its incompetent billing system and incredible rate hike.

The angry customers who turned up last week at the Novaliches branch of Maynilad have every reason to vent their gripes. The main reason, of course, was that their consumption charges soared disproportionately.

Couple customer of Block 49 Lot 28 Lagro complained that their bill increased from P116.83 (November to Dec. 26 usage) to P269.74 (Dec. 26 to Jan. 25) reflecting an increase in consumption volume from previous 19 cu m to 26 cu m current. Other details mirrored the following increased rates: basic charges, P76.19 to P137.13; currency adjustment, P19 to P39.91; and environmental charge, P9.52 to P20.30

What was worst, the last bill had a penalty charge of P20.38! "What for? We always pay when the bill collector comes around," the couple complained. They contested the increased usage rate since their consumption pattern hasn't changed.

Customer at 2 Pascual Subdivision in Sauyo, Novaliches has another ax to grind. He claims he doesn't get any drop of water from Maynilad, and he has repeatedly requested for a change in the pipe connection hoping for water. In spite of it all, however, he gets his bills religiously.

"What is Maynilad billing me for? Right on the face of their bill is a meter-reading report indicating that my consumption has been zero. Yet I am being billed increasingly from P167.02 basic charges (Dec. 6 to Jan. 7) to P174.25 (Jan. 7 to Feb. 6)," the customer protested. Of course, he has to pay additional fees for foreign currency adjustment, MSC (whatever it means), environmental charges, VAT, plus penalty charges.

The disgruntled customer wrote to us: "My repeated requests are just thrown out of the window. Maybe your column can call the attention of Maynilad. Please tell them to relocate my pipe connection to where it can get water. I understand there is a new pipe line near my house. Otherwise, please disconnect my account number 0028588801-2(5050)."

Billing mess at Destiny Cable

The last time I paid my annual subscriber's bill at Destiny Cable office on Pasong Tamo Extension, I had to wait the whole afternoon because its accounting system was such a mess.

Last year, I decided to ask the collector to come to the house instead and collect my payment. Because I obviously had some credit due for the one-year advanced payment, the amount I paid covered 14 months (January 2001-March 2002) instead of 12.

My first bill for the year was a statement of account from Destiny asking me to pay P520 for January's consumption charges. What I expected was to be asked if I wanted to renew my annual subscription. To this date, I am still trying to connect to the right person who can correct the billing error. I have been tossed around to different people at Destiny, and each time, I have to state the details and repeat that my bill for the year is not due until April.

My account number is 41334254 and receipt number is 119366 dated Jan. 11, 2001 for a one-year subscription with a two-month prepaid bonus.

PLDT Teletipid is legit

B.M. Monteclaro of grace-court@edsamail.com.ph wrote: "Starting Feb. 15, PLDT is changing its rules for Teletipid subscribers. If prepaid card users don't reload within one month, it disconnects your line. Furthermore, it's now P1 a minute per call. We learned about this only when a PLDT service assistant informed us last week. Is this in accordance with the law?"

Here's the reply of PLDT spokesperson Horace Lavides to Monteclaro's query: "I wish to assure subscribers that these Teletipid rules are all in accordance with the law."

Woes from cell phone users

Ryan Fenix bought a P2,999 Nextel promo unit hoping it would save him on long-distance calls. It obviously saved him money, but for a lot of long distance calls that didn't get across.

He wrote: "Since December to present, it usually takes 10 agonizing minutes to call and recall a number just to go through, including calls to landlines. All I get mostly are responses such as 'Sorry, all circuits are busy at the moment, please try your call later.' Otherwise, the screen would advise 'Please try again.'"

Fenix griped, "Every time I call Nextel to complain, the customer service representative says, 'Sir, the problem is with Globe/Smart.'"

Cell phone scam

Now scamsters don't only use the Internet and telephone to gain access to ATM, credit card and bank accounts. They use cellular phones. A subscriber related to us that she received a message announcing that Globe had picked her as the lucky winner of P1 million. She was advised to text back right away the number of her bank account, so the winnings could be transferred to her account. To prove it was legitimate, the texter even gave the name of a lawyer at Pagcor.

The subscriber naturally called up Globe to check the veracity of the text. As expected, she was told it was a hoax.

E-mail the author at mgiron@csi.com.ph

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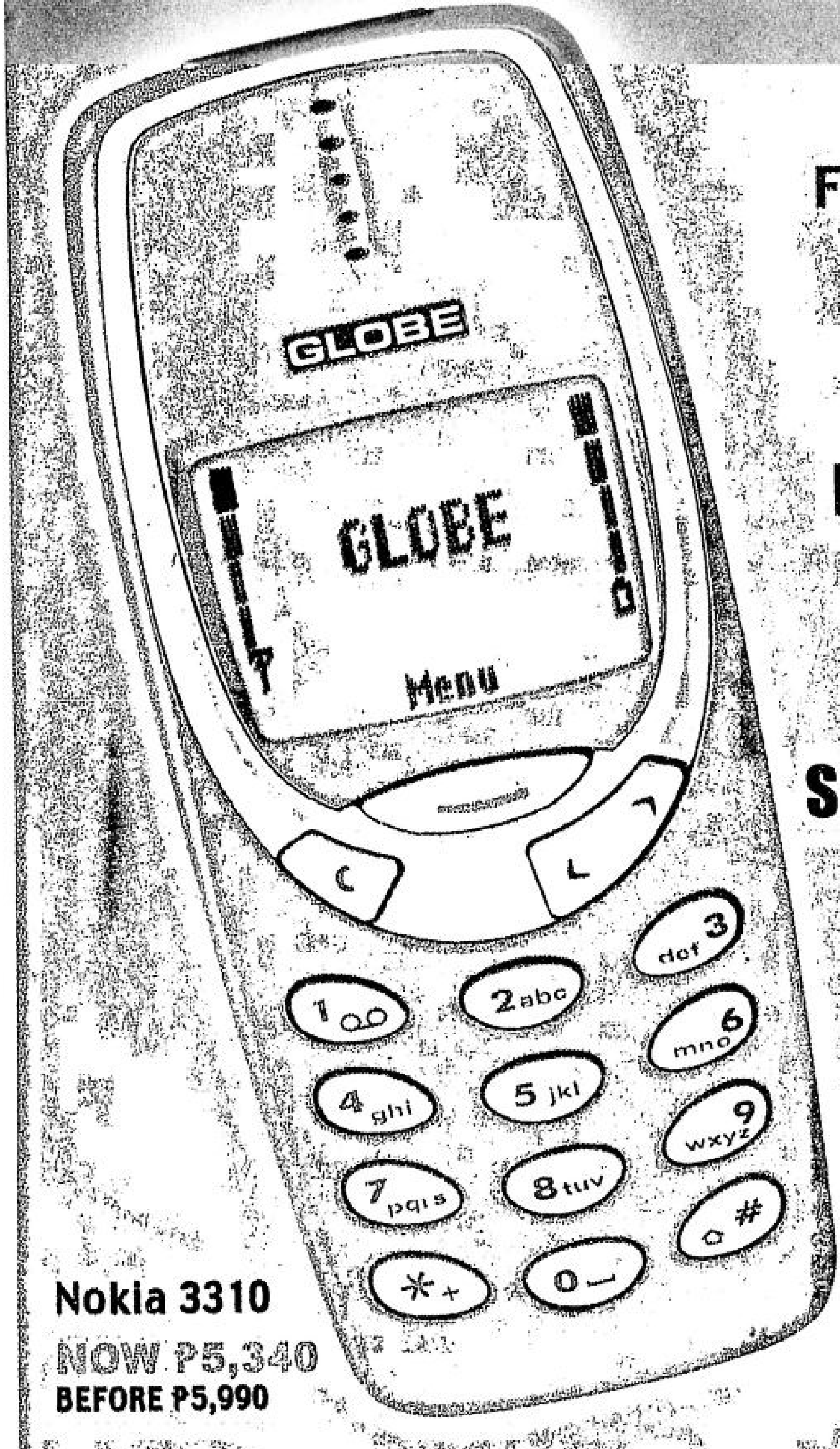

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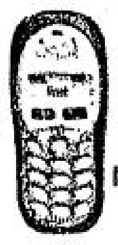

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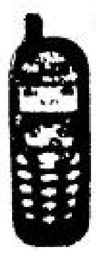

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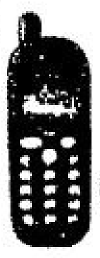

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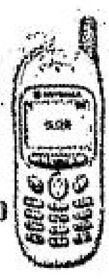

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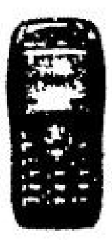

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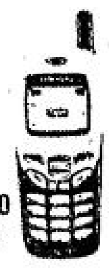

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Get in touch with yourself on island of devotion

By Cora Llamas
Contributor

TIME comes to a delightfully sweet standstill in this oh-so-clean city. It's not just that you rarely see traffic jams on the long, expansive roads or the seemingly smog-free air clears you of work-related stress you're so used to in Manila. It's an X factor that lifts the burdens from your shoulders and recharges you with an energy that allows you to tackle a hundred different assignments when you get back home.

The hustle and bustle of malling life has long established itself as a fond, popular pastime. The glitzy, leviathan structures of modern melting pots like the Ayala Center and SM are as packed with people as they are in Manila. Stalls hawk their latest best bargains near favorite fast-food franchises. Kids of all shapes, sizes and color hair hunt down their monsters in cyber playgrounds amid a lot of shouting and electronic furor.

Yet, after what seemed like hours of window shopping, finishing a couple of pressing take-home work in an Internet café and gabbing with some friendly faces in town—my watch showed that only an amazing 120 minutes had gone by.

Was it because of the fresh breeze and warm sun that promised an endless, uninterrupted summer of fun and freedom? Or the cheery faces that greeted you at every corner, or the touchy-feel *cariño* with which the most humble Cebuano made you feel welcome?

In Cebu, even the occasional grouchy cab driver makes an effort to be polite. After letting loose a barrage of reasons he can't drive me back to my too-near vacation home, a taxi driver paused, took a breath, then pointed to another cab that would gladly take his place. He nodded his head in a gesture that my Cebuano friend translated as "*pasensya na po.*"

Secret of survival

My own gut feel is that it's the island's strong but subtle sense of hope that washes over even the most casual visitor. My tour guide probably gave the secret away when he said, with just a little bit of pride, that Cebu survived during the Marcos years because of the people's homegrown self-sufficiency. With the dictator cutting off funding to the leading opposition bulwark in the country, the Cebuanos had no choice but to rely on their own efforts and develop their own industries.

Aside from hard work, faith literally plays a large part in this urban miracle. The Sinulog festival, the tourist-attracting Mardi Gras that draws in the participation of the entire city every third week of January, may already be over. But the centuries-old devotion to the Sto. Niño, the city's patron saint, hums ever present throughout the islands like an electrical current. Pilgrims from all over the Philippines and Filipino communities around the world constantly trek to the Basilica Minore del Santo Niño to view the image of the boy-king.

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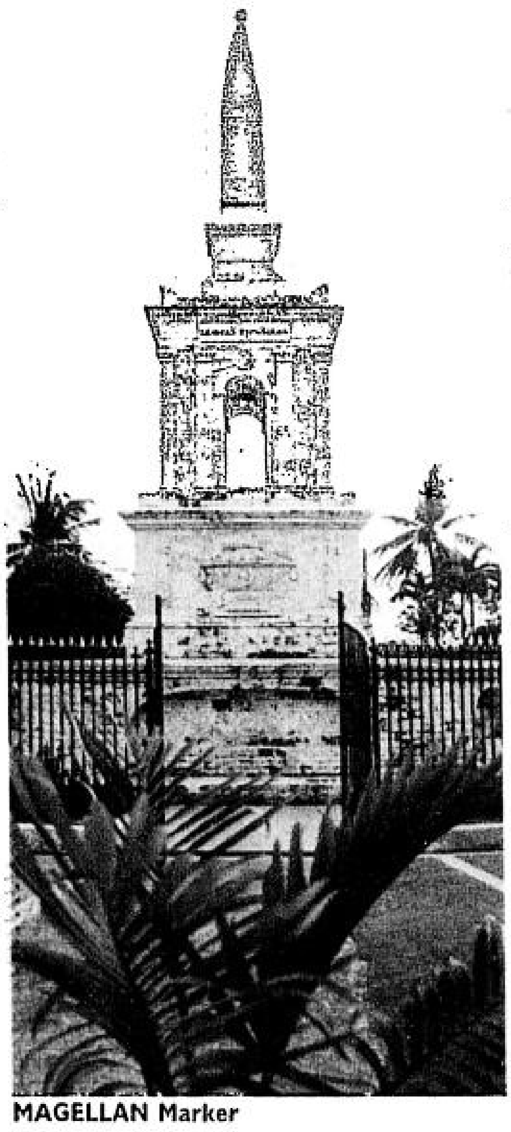
Cebu's strong but subtle sense of hope washes over even the most casual visitor



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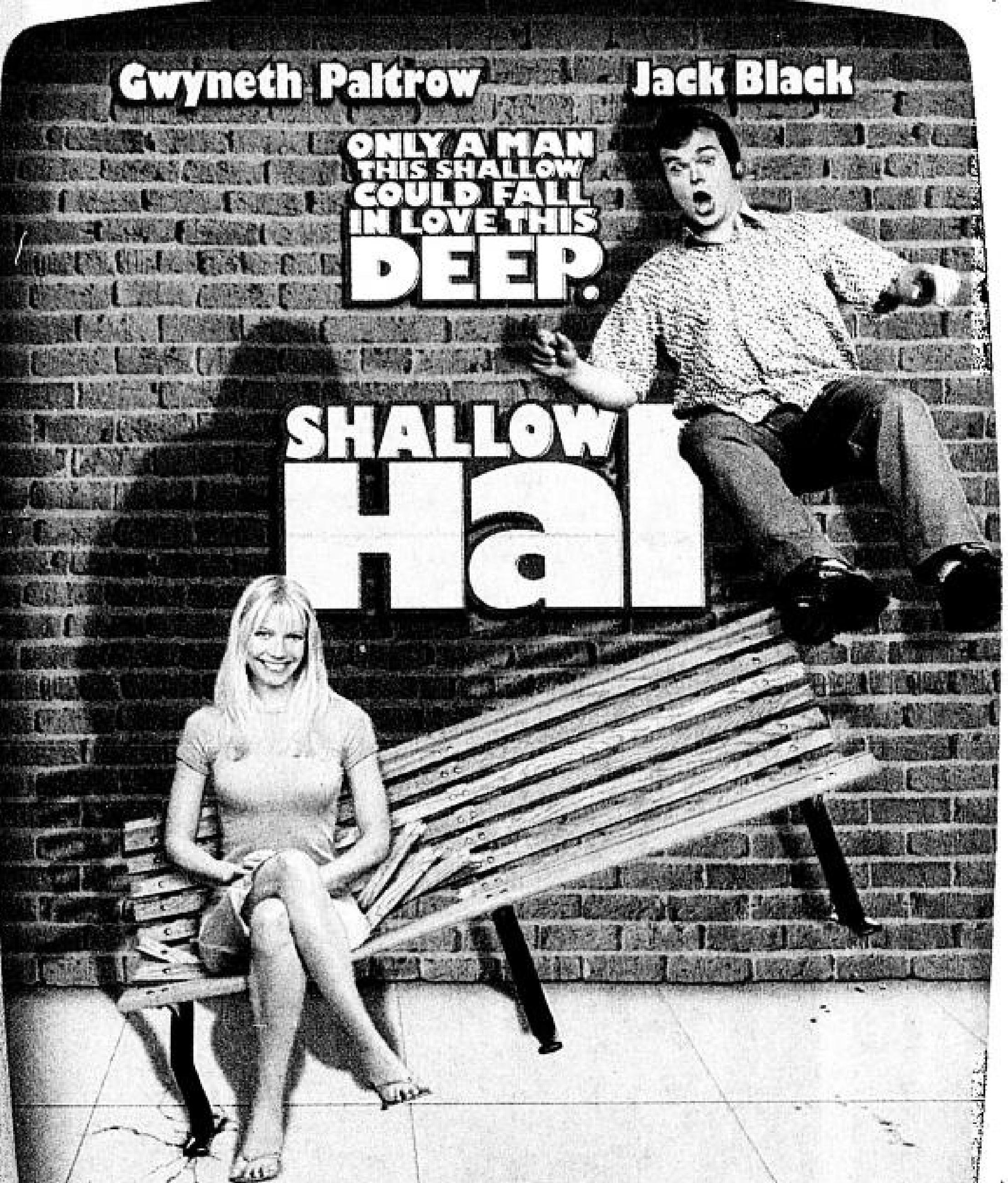
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The business and commercial center ups the ante on leisure and dining with a restaurant row under one roof

MILLENNIUM Place is the newest addi-tion to Ortigas Center's restaurant row. It brings six different food and entertainment establishments together under one roof. Its four-story building has two levels of basement parking.

The six establishments in Millennium Place offer varied dining options.

Managed by Food Pro Management Corp., Caleb's Soul and Pepper Place offers a wide selection of five-star international cuisine prepared by Spanish, Filipino and American chefs. It offers 50-percent off on all drinks during happy hour. The drinks go well with Caleb's famous French fries, which are specially prepared in the US.

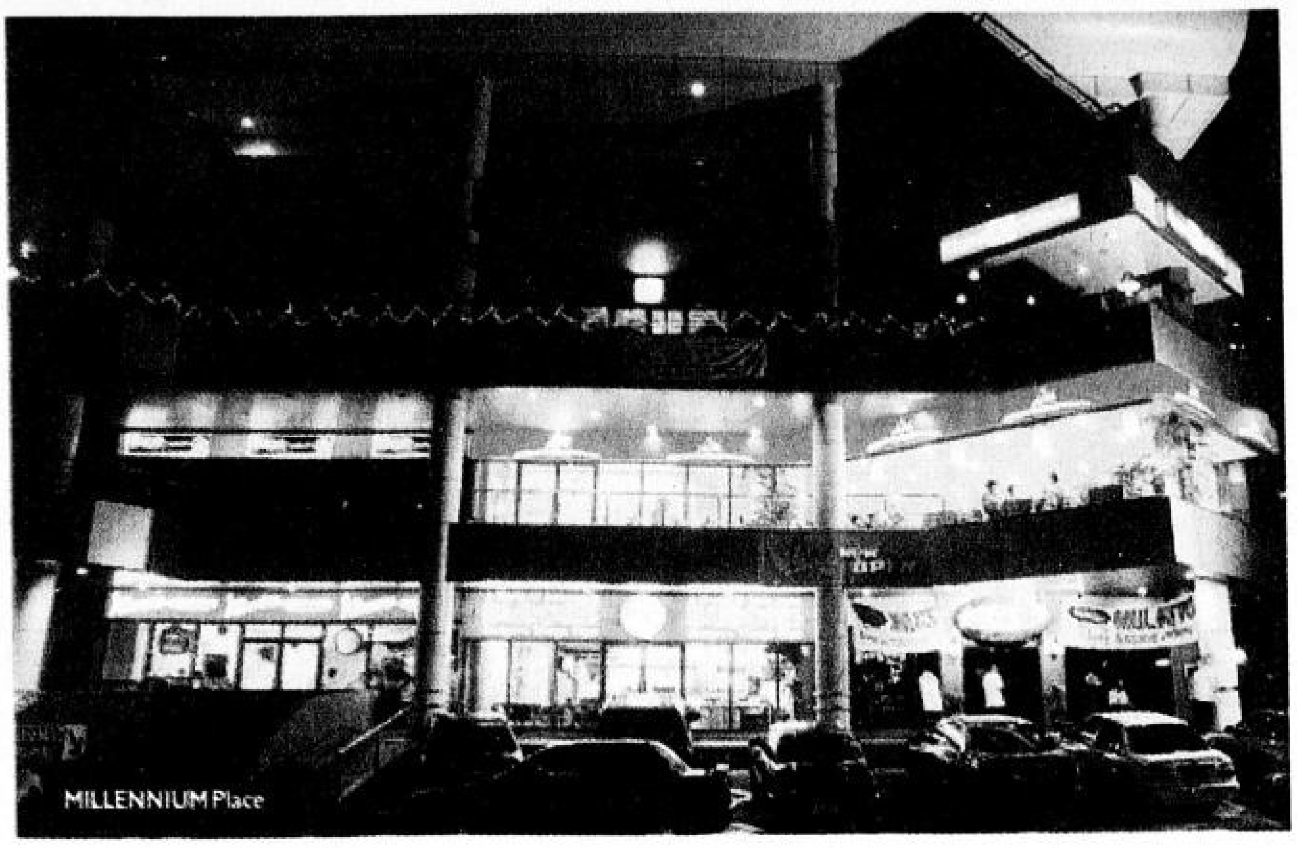
Caleb's also features bands and singing acts from Monday to Saturday.

Jungle-inspired Buddies has a more casual atmosphere. And because no buddy is an island (with apologies to John Donne), each dish also comes with its own "buddy." For instance, chicken wings come with fries and dips of different flavors. There are also beef, veggie, pork and chicken burger patties.

The famous US burger chain, Flamers, owned and managed by the Seventh Sierra Food Corp., takes pride in its burgers that are charbroiled using volcanic stones, a technique that effectively reduces the fat content and enhances the flavor. Owner Ricky Sare says that although their prices are a bit higher than that of traditional fast-food outlets, "what we offer is still cheaper than what you would find at a regular restaurant, with better quality." Flamers also boasts generous, American-style servings and an open salad bar where customers can help themselves to as much fresh greens as they want. Flamers' bestsellers include hamburgers, roasted chicken and chicken breast sandwiches. On the second floor of Millennium Place is Padi's Point. Famed for its Sizzling Sisig and other grilled specialties, it is open 5 p.m.-2 a.m. to accommodate nightowls. Franchise owner KC Domingo says that they plan to add some new items to the menu and improve Padi's already efficient service. Padi's Point has live bands every Friday night.

Named after the famed Spanish painter, Juan Miro is a marriage of two cultures: the colorful influence of Europe, combined with artful Japanese cuisine. Juan Miro caters to the more mature business crowd. The food, courtesy of Japanese chef Seiji Kamura, is elegant and perfectly complements the restaurant's ambience. A graduate of the Tokyo Cooking Academy, Kamura is an expert in both Japanese and French cuisine and manages a group of restaurants around Metro Manila.

On the third floor is Kizmet Chizmez, a KTV Bar. Kizmet Chizmez has a computerized song selection system that guarantees your chosen song is loaded into the computer within five seconds. The place derives its name from Kizmet (the universe) and Chizmez (after the stand-up comedians they used to showcase). Rates are quite reasonable, at P100 per person per hour. A music lounge is also available.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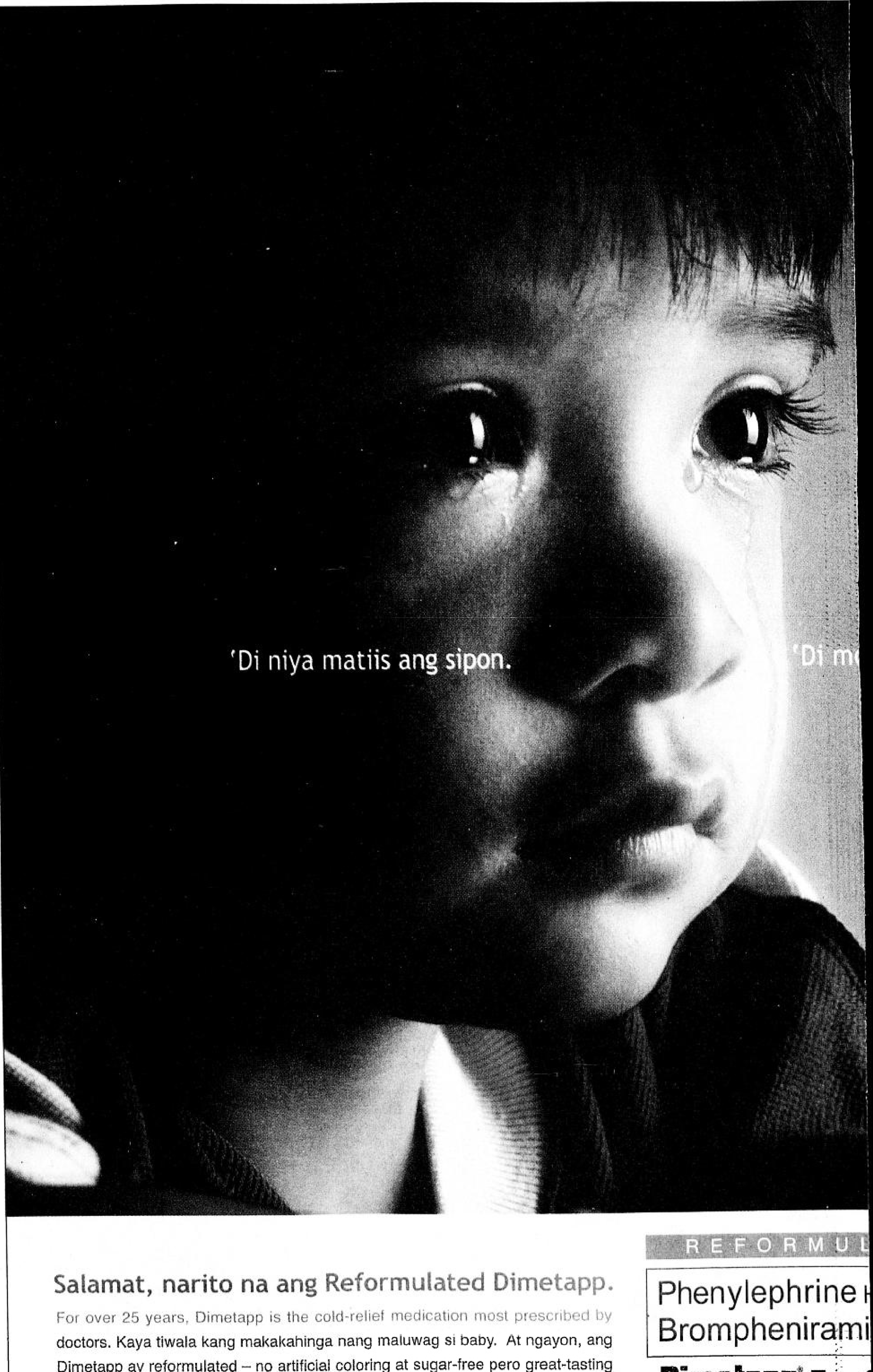
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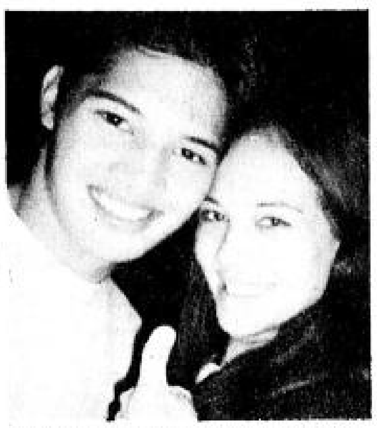
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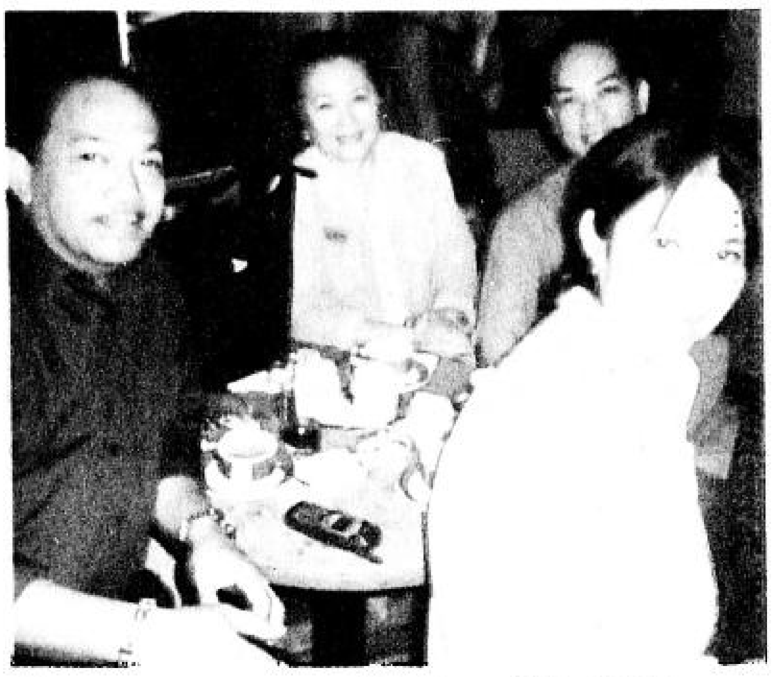
WHO are our red-hot couples for the love month? **Borgy Mano-toc** and **Sarah Meier** top our list of best-looking couples. Count **Paolo Araneta** and **Amanda Griffin** in. She with the most beautiful hair and smile and he with that charming jawline and flawless skin. Add **Hans Monte-negro** and **Miriam Quiambao.**

A celebration will not be complete without music. So we watched the best singers and bands during Coca-Cola's Musicola at Caramba. They were just fabulous. See WolfGang, Parokya ni Edgar, Barbie's Cradle, **Ana Fegi**, **Roselle Nava** and **Rico J. Puno** in Coke's TVC. At Dish, we listened to the Lighthouse Family sing their hit songs "Postcards in Heaven" and "High."

Last week, we celebrated the Chinese New Year of the Horse. People born under this sign are adventurous, curious, elegant and aggressive. They also represent success and physical strength. According to feng shui experts, great rewards await those who are determined and hardworking. **Richard Gomez, Alvin Patrimonio** and **Jerry Codiñera** are all Horsemen.

In the international limelight, **Oprah Winfrey** is probably the world's most successful person born in the Year of the Horse. She is an independent and influential woman with a mission to make our world a more caring and loving planet. We do love horses.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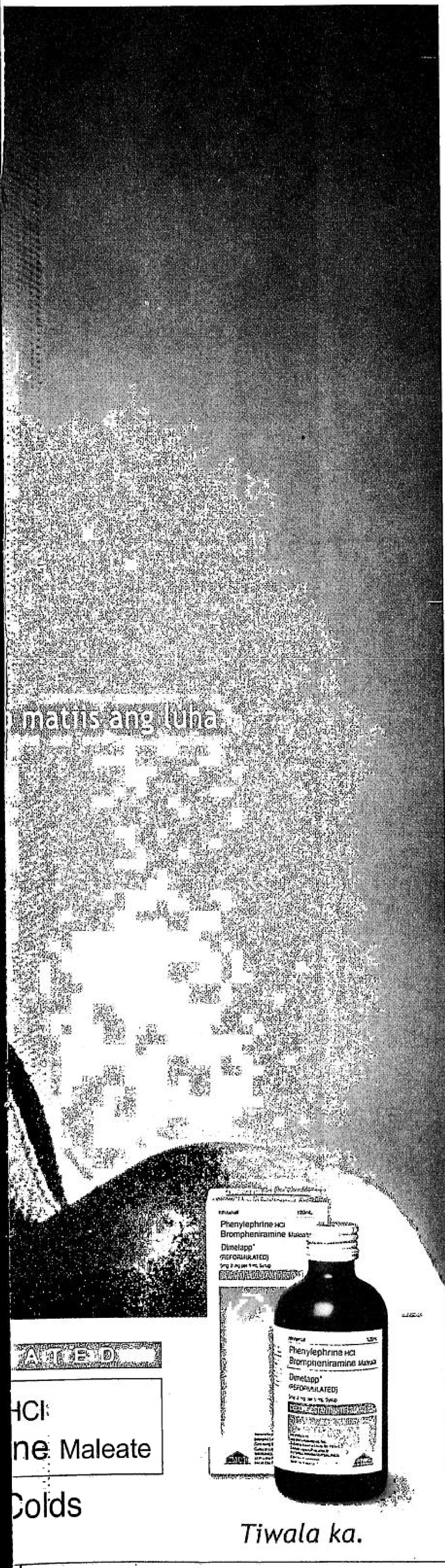

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Get in touch with yourself on island of devotion

TAOIST Temple at Beverly Hills residential village

From page E1

First miracle

According to legend, the precedent was set ages ago by Reina Juana, wife of Rajah Humabon. Juana claimed she was cured of a dire illness after dreaming of a visit from the child Jesus. In gratitude, she took the statue given her years before by Ferdinand Magellan, the Portuguese explorer who "discovered" these islands for Spain, and danced in jubilation.

Now, thanks to the wonders of the digital age, would-be devotees can easily catch up on their Sto. Niño history. In the Cebu Ayala Center's Sto. Niño shrine, you can either solemnly pause for a moment's prayer, or click on nearby computers to get all the info about the saint and his festival in just a few minutes.

The young crowd's eager participation has added a contemporary flavor to Sinulog. The recent one had traditional ritual dances mixed with a pop beat and the ultra cool stylish movements often seen in the more popular night spots. Kids and teens went beyond the churches and contests to rap and jig in *ati-atihan* beat inside the malls, their painted faces and feathered masks blending with the colored banners welcoming the day of the Sto. Niño.

LAPU-LAPU Monument

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Even poorer devotees may find that lack of money is not a hindrance to their paying homage to the popular saint. Modest but free accommodations are provided Sto. Niño pilgrims and their families. Container vans are converted into make-shift homes composed of a small living room and bedroom, complete with electricity and running water. To avail of these accommodations, travelers have to make a request to the local government at least three months before their estimated date of arrival.

These residential metallic trucks are within walking distance of Fort San Pedro, the very first permanent Spanish settlement in the Philippines. Like the Sinulog, this tourist spot is tradition and history remade into a serene spot of modern lifestyle. The ex-garrison has been remodeled into a quiet, intimate park where banquets and parties are held on smartly cut greens. At the upper floor, couples in the mood for a romantic, if inexpensive nightspot, sit beside ancient, silent cannons and bask in Cebu City's sparkling lights. Food isn't a problem. Only a few minutes away are late-night *carinderias* serving barbecues, veggies and rice cakes for dessert.

Most visited

A Cebu vacation wouldn't be complete without a stopover at its most visited sites, the inextricably linked Magellan's Marker and the Lapu-Lapu Monument. The Marker stands on the very same spot where in 1521 the would-be conqueror was killed in a battle to assert Spanish rule in the islands. The Lapu-Lapu Monument was built in honor of the chieftain who defeated Magellan. While the Magellan Marker's church-like visage properly elicits respectful silence, the Monument, with Lapu-Lapu looking like a testosterone-filled action hero, has attracted a few startled glances.

Not all of Cebu's spiritual life is Roman Catholic. A different devotion manifests in the Taoist Temple at the Beverly Hills residential village. Instead of worship and supplication, devotees and onlookers ask questions, expecting a firm answer of yes or no. In front of an altar filled with Chinese images, folks silently follow a precise hand-washing and candle-lighting ritual. Afterward, they ask permission if they can bring their petitions forward. They are then given a pair of peanut-shaped hollow wood carvings, the ends twisting into opposite directions. The pieces are dropped on the floor. Whether the figures face up, down, right or left, means one of two things: "Yes, ask your question now" or "No, ask another time." If you are allowed to ask a question, the same figures are again dropped, their directions indicating a yes or no.

With pressure from work and family pressing on both sides, taking a break and clearing our minds wouldn't hurt, Cebu, with its seductive semblance of unhurried pace, modern comfort and unflappable peace anchored on centuries-old faith, just might be the best place for inner healing and self-renewal. Try it this Holy Week.

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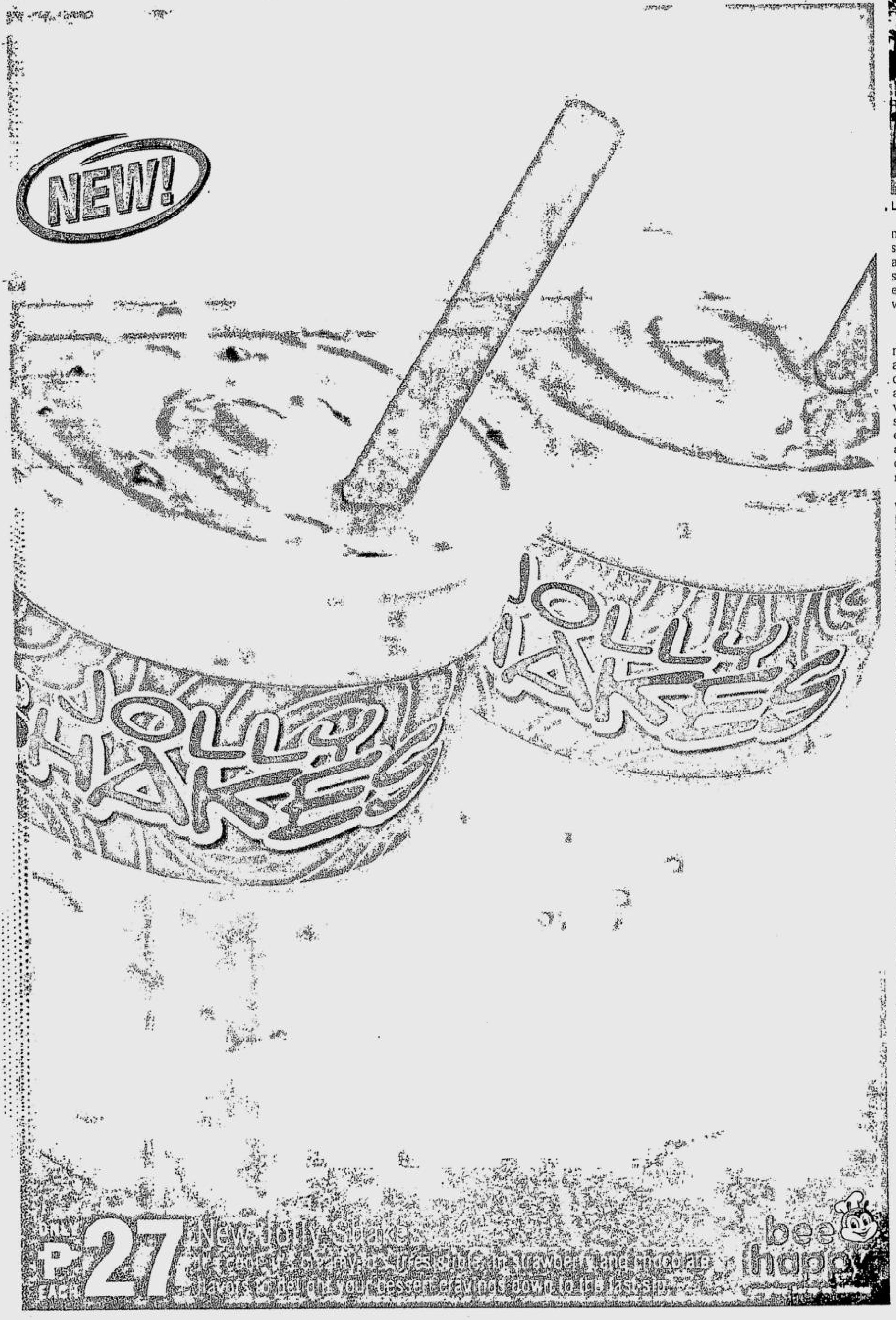

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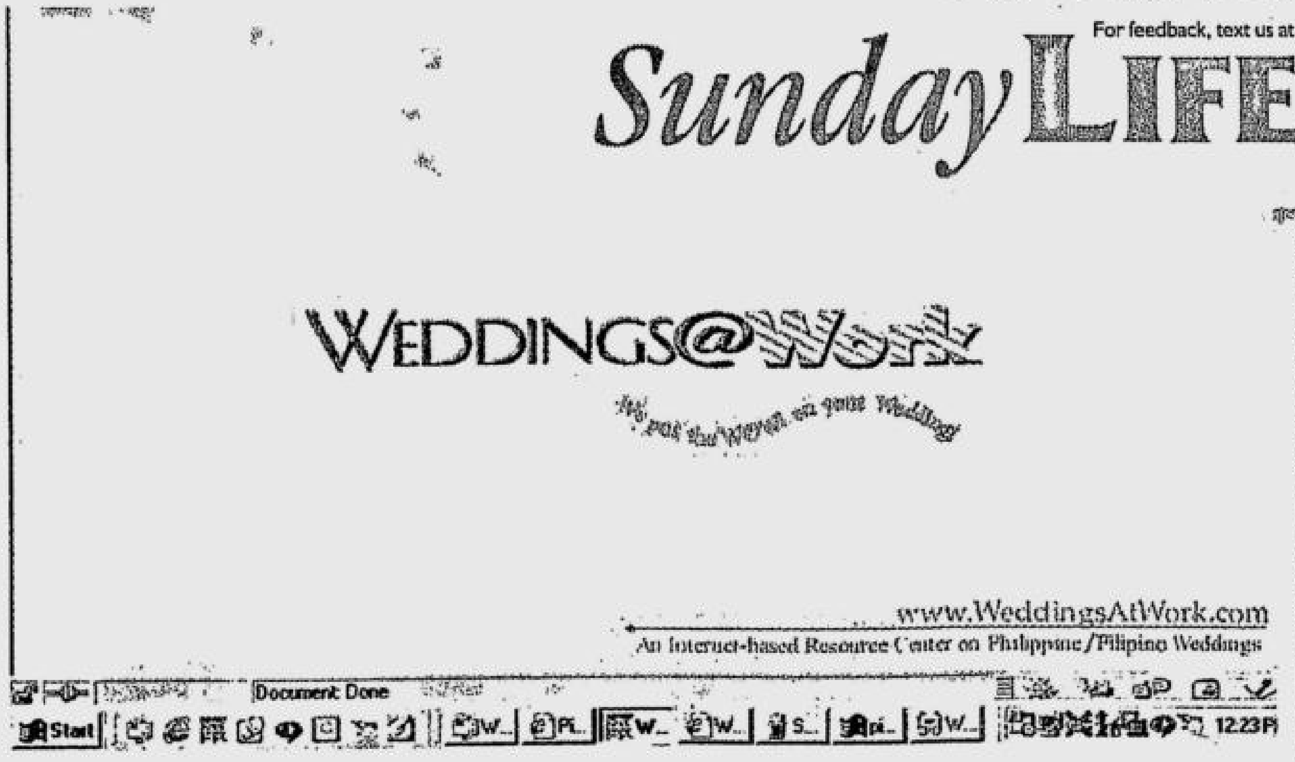

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Fireworks on the cake and a dance by the 18th hole

STORY ON PAGE F4

A dotcom sisterhood among brides

By Cathy Babao-Guballa

BRIDES today have never had it better. On the other hand, brides today also have too many choices to make, so much more than their older sisters could imagine a decade back. Planning for a Filipino wedding in the 21st century has taken on gargantuan proportions, and the painstaking attention to detail demanded of brides today can easily turn them into obsessive-compulsive personalities.

Weddings@Work (www.weddingsatwork.com), a website on anything and everything about the Filipino wedding, was conceived by John and Bennette Rana as a one-stop shop for wedding ideas and products for brides-to-be. At the same time, it serves as a forum for future brides to tell-all and vent-all, especially the attendant joys and frustrations that come with planning for that most important day.

First couple

John and Bennette are perhaps the first couple to come up with a website for their own wedding. The website 1026Online, created by Bennette in 1997 for John as a surprise on their sixth anniversary as a couple, evolved into a full-blown site all about their Oct. 26, 1998 wedding. The site was visited by friends and relatives who were so impressed by it that queries and requests poured in after the Rana-Co wedding.

Although the thought of creating wedding websites for other people crossed their minds, John and Bennette later realized that what couples needed more was a site that could house together all the elements and resources required to plan a Filipino wedding that would be accessible to Filipinos both here and abroad. Thus, after much research—poring over books, contacting sources and checking out foreign nuptial websites, Weddings@Work (W@W) was launched at a bridal fair in March 1999.

Today, W@W has 400 registered members and 200-plus active members on its e-groups listing, 25 percent of whom are Filipinas based abroad who are currently planning their weddings. On a slow day, Co-Rana says, the e-group receives 30 e-mails but on a busy day, the numbers can reach close to a hundred. "Especially when there are problems encountered with future-in-laws and a member seeks advice," Bennette says. "You can expect a deluge of replies, from the funny to the drop-

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> If you're getting married in the near—or far—future, Weddings@Work is the website to check out for emotional or informational help

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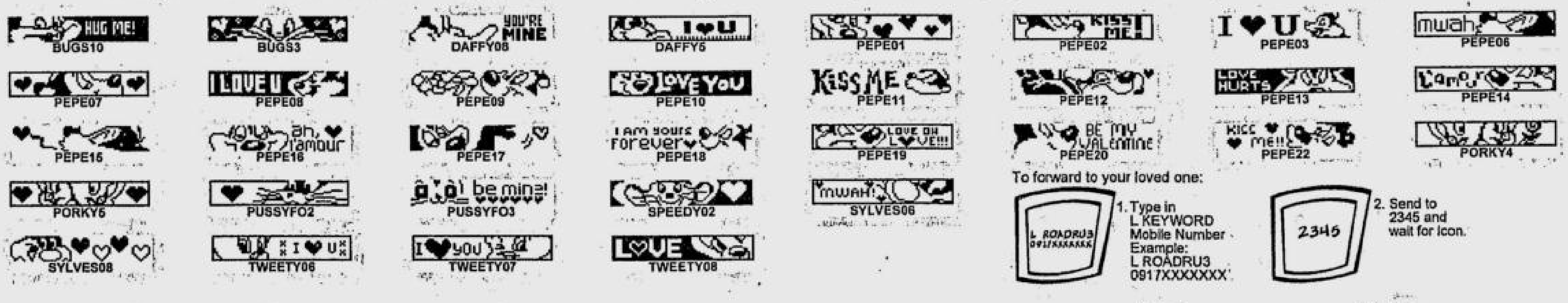

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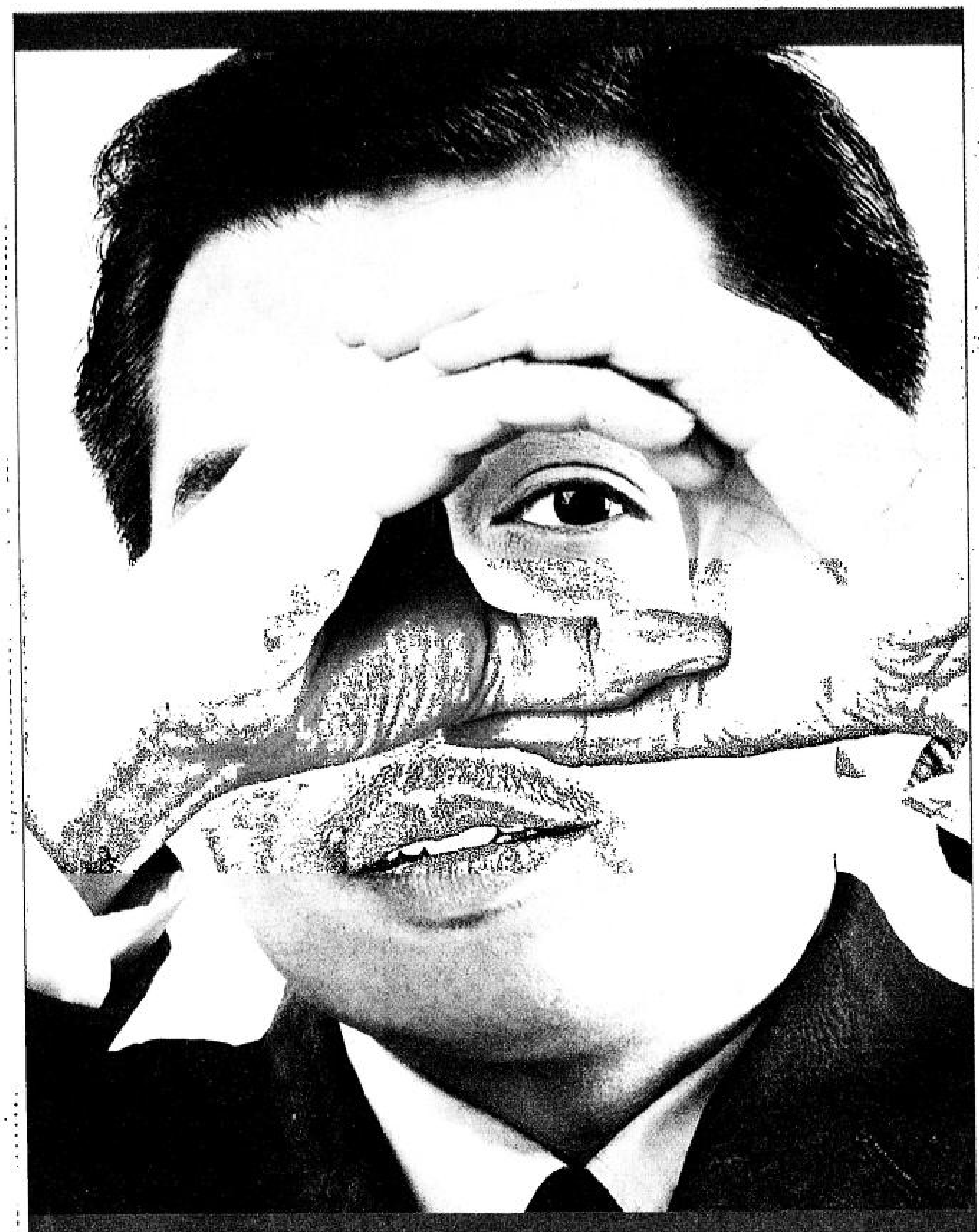
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His wife likes to play roles during lovemaking

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

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DEAR Tita Dulce,

In a recent marital contact, my wife of 16 years blurted out the name "Boots" at the moment of her climax. I know she had a crush on a guy named Boots when she was in college. Could she be thinking of him?

Boots is a part-time professional stage and TV actor and has appeared in TV operas, which my wife watched. My sister-in-law told me my wife was in a college stage play with Boots. He was the lead character, and my wife was a bit player. That was when she had a crush on him.

My wife likes to fantasize. One night she suggested that to add spice to our lovemaking, we pretend we were having an illicit extramarital affair. Another time, she asked that I pretend to be a doctor and she a patient, and I was to take advantage of her during the medical examination.

I love my wife that I don't fantasize making love to anyone else. Since I refuse to play along, can she be acting out fantasies on her own, fantasies involving Boots?

If she does, how can I stop it? I wouldn't know what goes on in her mind, unless she utters Boots' name again. Perhaps a reply from you might prick her conscience. She reads your column whenever the topic intrigues her.

MENARD

I don't know if it's a misimpression, but you sounded more concerned that your wife is fantasizing about a college crush than with her fantasizing per se.

I don't think you should fear that Boots would steal your wife. Keep in mind that he and your wife had lots of opportunities in college to make sweet music together, but he was not tempted to whistle even two notes with her. If nothing happened then, when she was 16 years younger and free of the wear and tear of marriage and motherhood, I think it's even less likely now that they will perform a concerto together.

I think you should be more concerned about your wife's fantasizing per se—that she treats you less as her "better half" and more as a stand-in for someone better.

We really can't tell your wife what to think during your lovemaking and expect that she'll heed us. She might simply keep her mouth shut but, internally, she could still be screaming another guy's name.

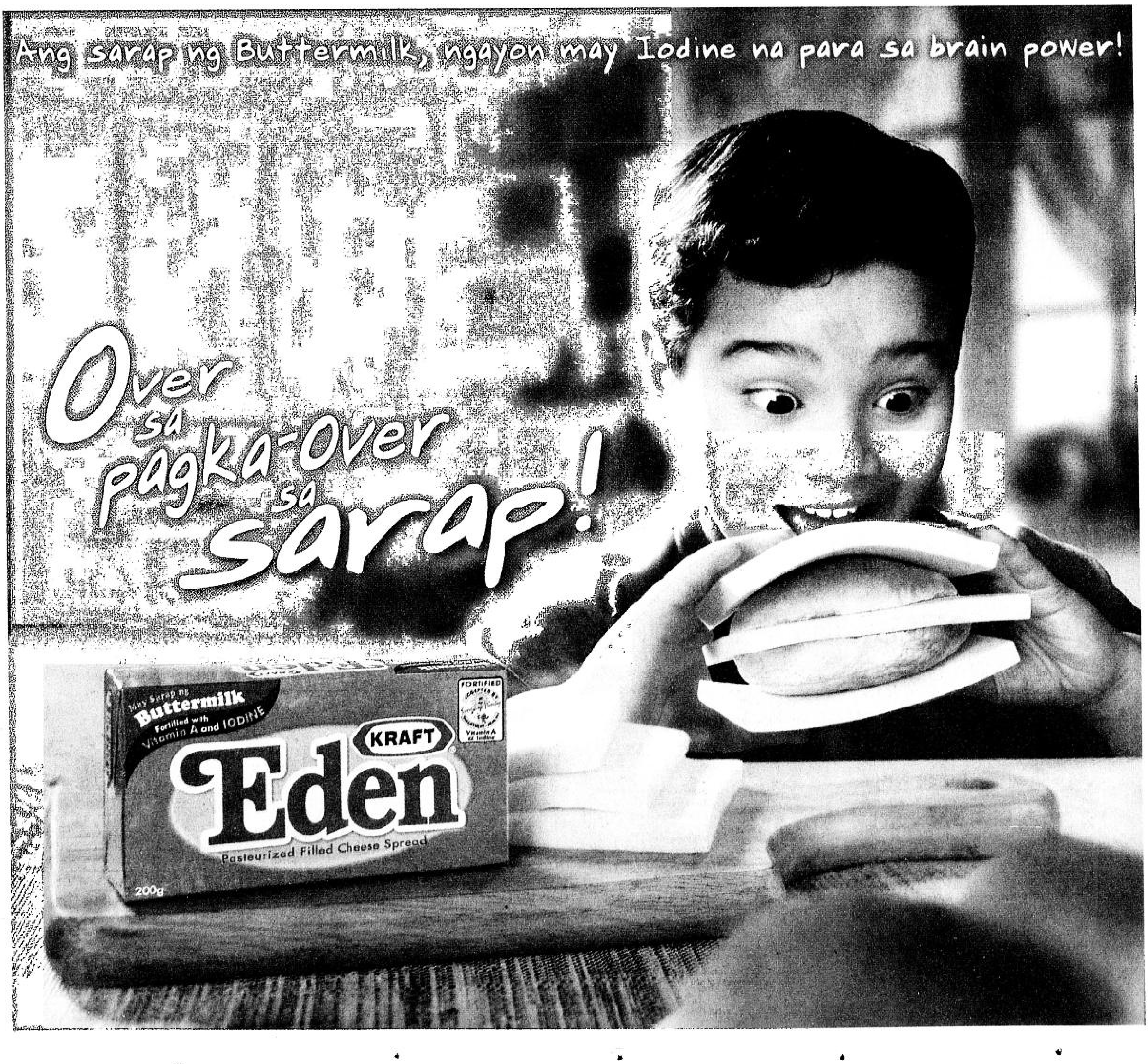
We can, however, let her know that her fantasies are not as harmless as she might think they are. For one, her fantasies in effect make you less of her "better half" and more as a stand-in for someone she deems better than you are. At their worst, such fantasies reduce you from a person to a gadget for her self-gratification.

Such fantasies, then, make marital intimacies not much more than a fancy version of masturbation. The latter by itself constitutes a sin because it desecrates the human body, which is God's temple. But that's not all that happens. Marriage, too, is robbed of its sanctity, and the spouse is robbed of his/her dignity. These forms of damage may not be visible to the eye, but they are serious and deep.

If you have been married for several years, your wife may have a point in wishing for more spice in your lovemaking. However, if it is only by acting out her fantasies that she can enjoy intimacies with you, she is using the wrong spice.

If the situation now is beyond what you could bear, I suggest that the two of you see a marriage counselor, or attend marriage encounter seminars, to help both of you remember that, aside from lovemaking, there are many other aspects of marriage, marital unity and marital intimacy.

E-mail titadulce@netscape.net or send letters to P.O. Box 2353, Makati CPO 1263, Makati City, or PDI, Chino Roces Avenue corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati City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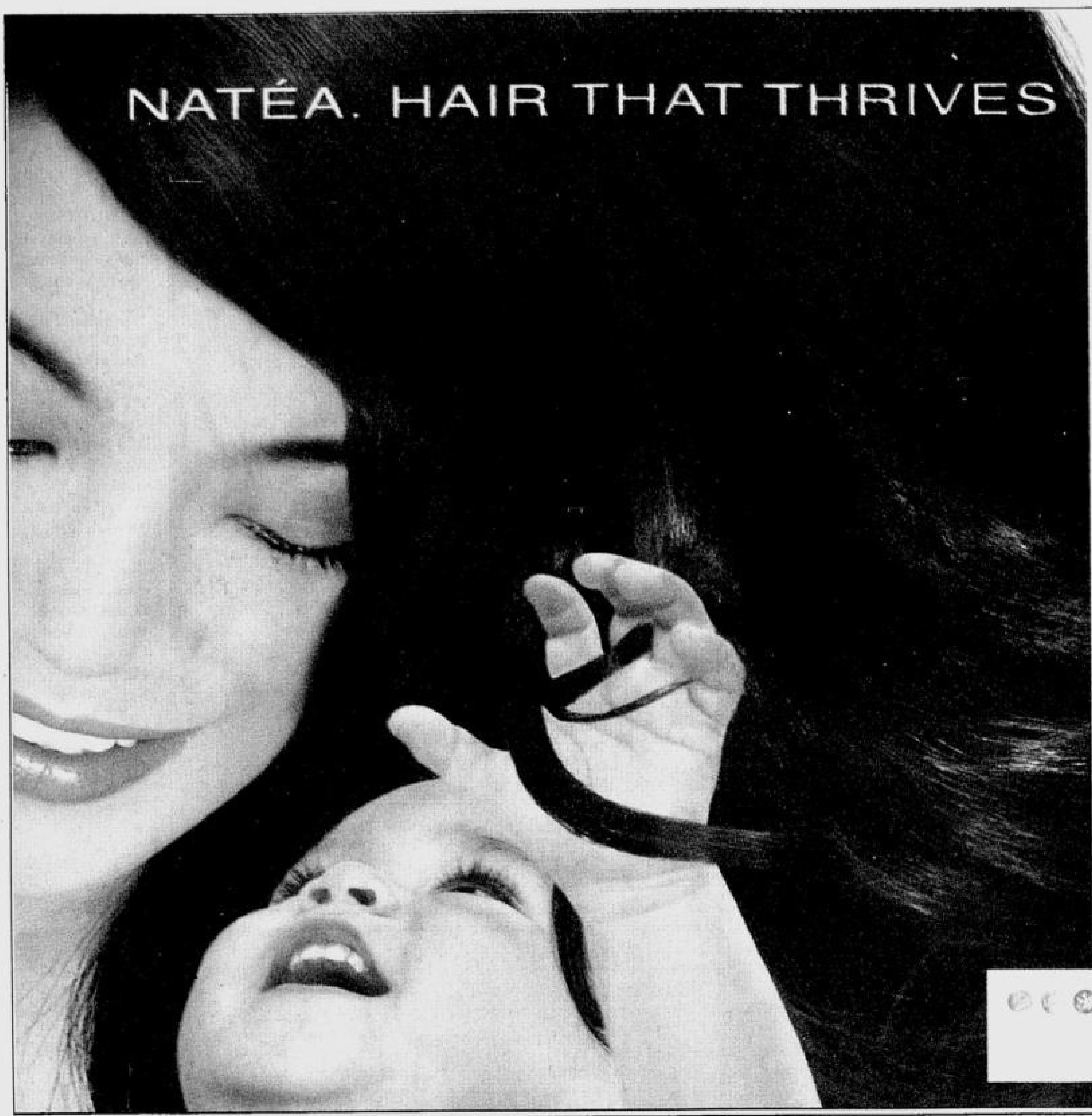

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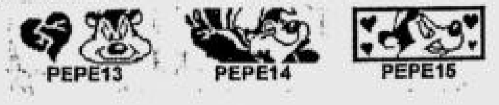

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Fireworks on the cake and a dance by the 18th hole

Text and photos by Mandy Navasero
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MARICA Dakudao of Davao and Carlo Buenaflor of Naga City met and fell in love at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas in 1998. By the time they graduated with their hotel and restaurant management degrees and began working as management trainees at Pebble Beach Hotel in California, they were sharing an apartment.

When they moved back to Manila, Marica and Carlo already had baby Sebi, the first grandson on both sides of their families.

On New Year's Eve, Marica and Carlo solemnized their union at nuptial rites held at the Shrine of the Holy Infant Jesus of Prague in Matina, Davao, which was built upon the behest of the bride's grandmother, the late Catalina Santos.

The couple's son Sebi, nearly a year old, served as best man—well, okay, best baby—along with his great grandfather, former interior secretary Luis T. Santos, while Carlo's cousin and buddy, Mike Alvir, served as the oversized and overaged ring bearer.

Reception followed at the Lanang Golf and Country Club, which was decorated with festive Mardi Gras colors. Bead necklaces, Paete-made masks and confetti canisters served both as décor and giveaways.

Seventy-five guests from Luzon flew to Davao as part of the groom's wedding party. They checked in at the Lanang Guesthouse, which is owned by the bride's family. The Dakudaos scheduled a city tour of Davao and shopping at Aldevinco for the Manila guests, who also gorged themselves on *suha* and *marang*. The whole wedding party even had a day trip and picnic at Pearl Farm.

At the reception guests were elegantly dressed in the Roaring '20s style, à la "Great Gatsby," complete with headbands, feathers, bands, beads and tassels.

The newlyweds started the night's revelry with a steamy tango. Quite appropriately, the bride wore flaming red. Since all fireworks were banned in Davao City on New Year's Eve, fireworks could only be used as decoration for the wedding cake. At midnight, the bride and groom danced to Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get It On" by the 18th hole of the golf course, under a giant spotlight while the guests watched from the balcony.

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THE COUPLE with their son Sebi

THE COUPLE with (from left) Mia Santos, Kina Leonor, Jackie Crisologo, Pamela Gonzales, Mimi Vergara and "best man" Sebastian

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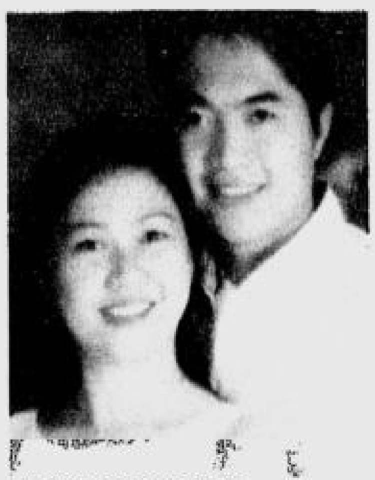
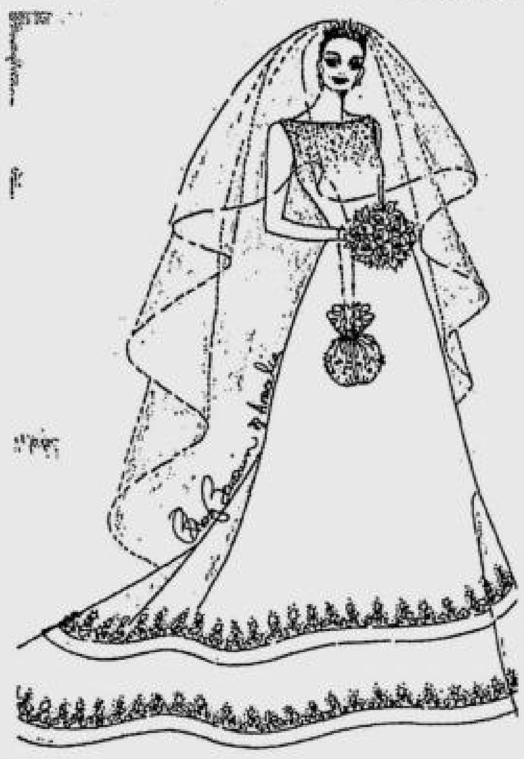
SILVA-CAISIP

Wehrner Silva, son of Mr. and Ms **Gregorio R. Silva**, and **Sharon Caisip**, daughter of P/C Supt. **Rodolfo** and **Carmelita Caisip**, tied the knot on Jan. 19 at the St. Joseph Chapel in Camp Crame, QC. Reception was held at the Grand Ballroom of the Dusit Hotel Nikko, Makati City.



MERCADO-DAVID

Pio Ryan S. Mercado, son of **Rolando** and **Arsenia Mercado**, will exchange marital vows with **Janet M. David**, daughter of **Bernardo Jr.** and **Carmelita David**, on March 2, 4:30 p.m., at the Our Lady of Remedies (Chapel 1), Air Force City, Clarkfield, Pampanga. Reception will follow at the Grand Ballroom, Holiday Inn Resort, Mimosa Drive, Clarkfield, Pampanga.



BERNARDO-ALAGAR

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Here is the proof of 364 people who cannot lose weight

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How much does it cost?

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You can use this trial pack completely. If after, you are not absolutely and 100% enthusiastic, this trial will not have cost you a cent. If you find that the result is not as satisfying as you expected after the first trial pack, simply send the rest of your treatment before 15 days.

And you are then immediately and integrally reimbursed of the global amount of your treatment.

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2516 ☐ 4 - bottles. I should lose weight until I lose all my excess kilos and that I should not regain these lost kilos after. Only P 3,540 + P 55 postage and handling. Save P 2,040.

It is understood also that I should lose easily these excess kilos, without doing any kind of diet, without depriving myself and without ever getting hungry. If I am not 100% enthusiastic after 15 days, I will send back to you the rest of my pineapple Bromeline treatment and you will reimburse me integrally.

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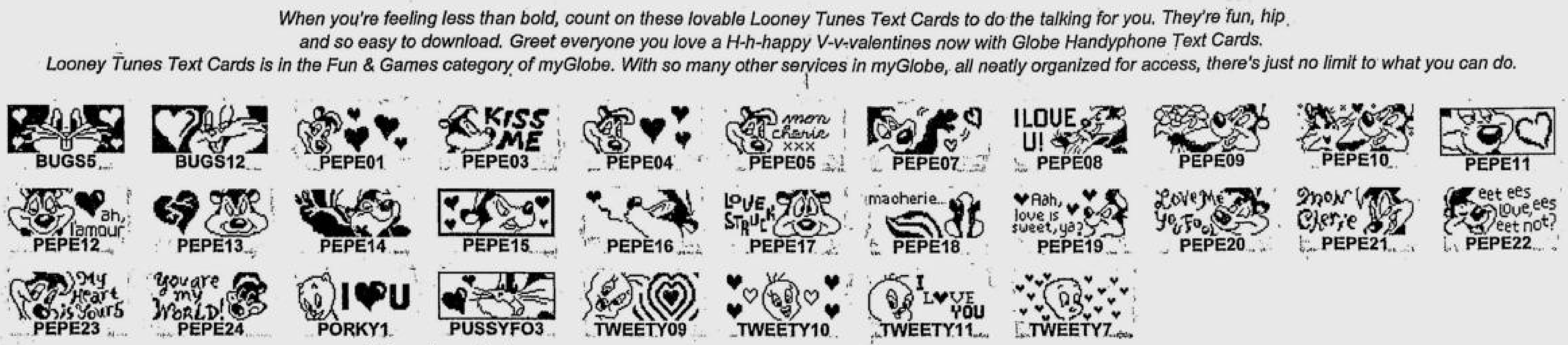

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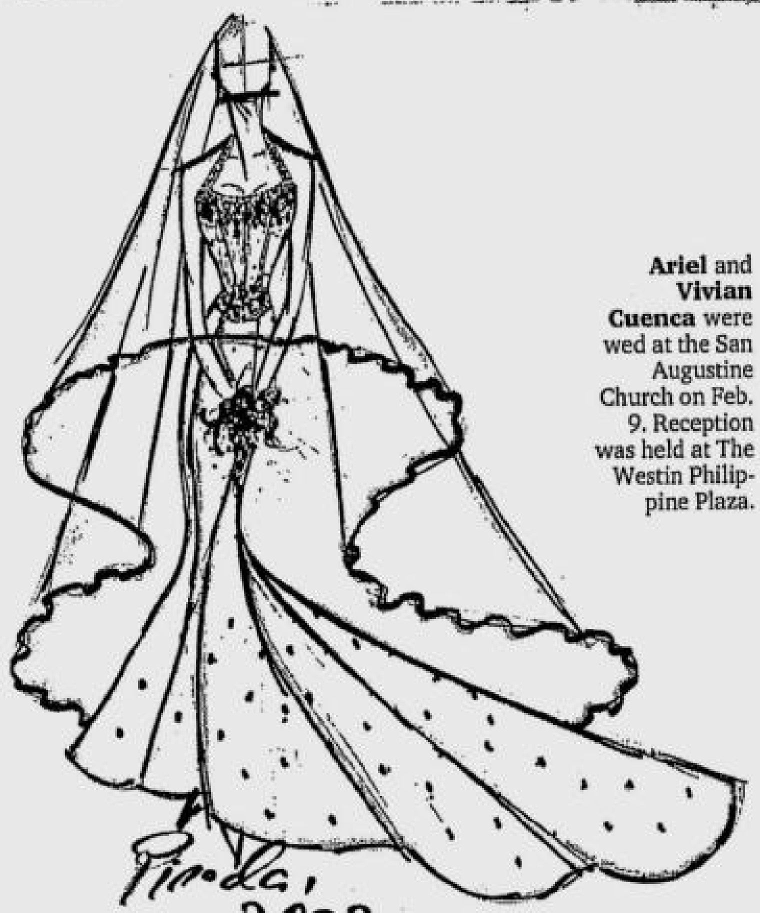
Milestones

Ariel and **Vivian Cuenca** were wed at the San Augustine Church on Feb. 9. Reception was held at The Westin Philippine Plaza.



DAPAT-TESTADO

Irene Testado exchanged vows on Jan. 4 with **George Dapat** at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Reception was held at the Intramuros Ballroom of the Manila Midtown Hotel.

Eric Pineda designed the bride's gown in ivory double-ply Thai silk. The corset top was embellished with caviar beads, seed pearls, Austrian rhinestones and flat sequins. The serpentina skirt was dotted with aurora borealis beads and flared out into a cathedral train. A 10-yard long veil of illusion tulle framed the bride's delicate features.

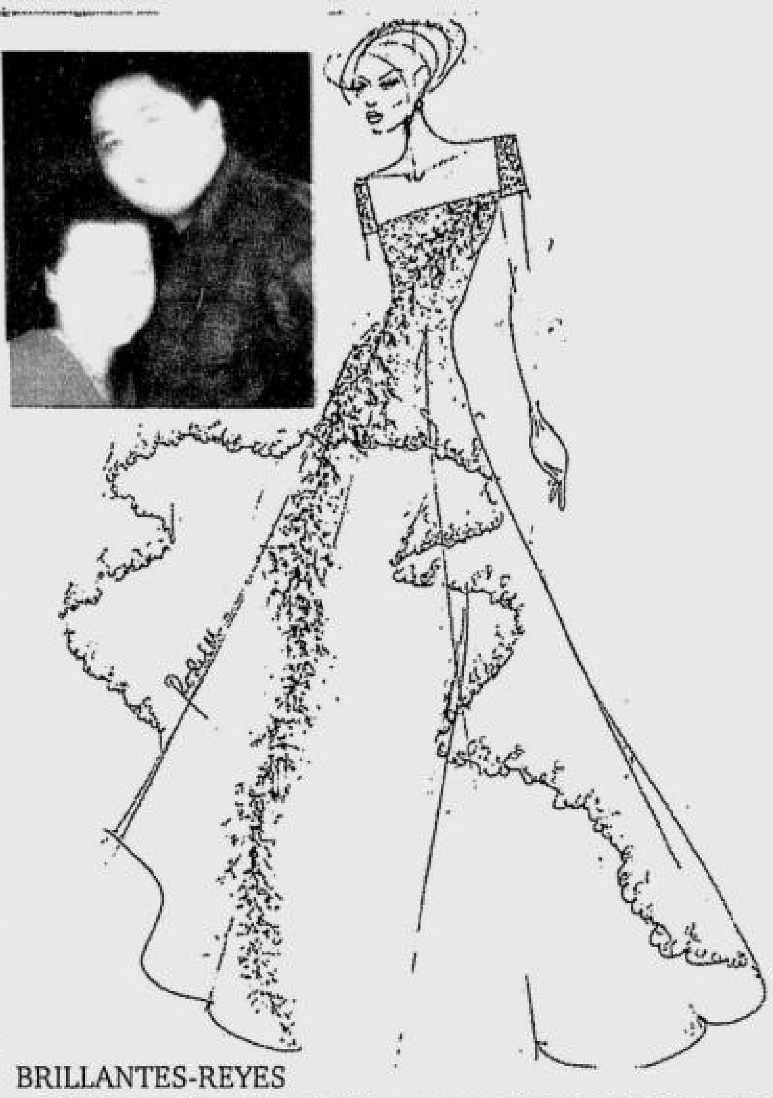
The female members of the entourage wore monochromatic blue gowns in Italian satin with handmade cabbage roses, while the men wore hand-dyed *barong* in powder blue.

JOSE-GARCIA

Anna Liezel D. Garcia, daughter of ABS-CBN president **Freddie** and **Gloria D. Garcia**, tied the knot with **Reynaldo R. Jose**, son of **Milagros R. Jose**, on Feb. 23 at the Chapel of the Transfiguration, Caleruega, Batulao, Nasugbu, Batangas. Cocktails followed at the Funicular Station, Tagaytay Highlands, while dinner reception was at the Golf Club.

MAÑOZA-QUILAB

Lowel Salvan Mañoza, son of **Ceriaco** and **Levi Mañoza** of Kilangit, Citagum, Misamis Oriental, exchanged vows with **Cecile Serrano Quilab**, daughter of **Caesar Quilab** and **Linda Serrano** of Moog, Laguindingan, Misamis Oriental, on Jan. 3 at the San Antonio Church, Nazareth, Cagayan de Oro City. The bride wore a gown by **Eden**. Reception followed at the Kagay-anon Restaurant, Limketkai Center.



BRILLANTES-REYES

Raj Ramanathan Maneja Brillantes, son of **Richard** and **Dorothy Brillantes**, will wed **Karen Hazel Lao Reyes**, daughter of engineer **Napoleon Ceasar Jr.** and **Esther Reyes**, on March 9, 5 p.m., at the Ascension Chapel, GSIS Heights, Matina, Davao City. Reception will follow at the Davao Convention and Trade Center, F. Torres Street, Davao City. The ensembles of the entourage were designed by **Rodel Macatangay** of Chardin.

RESIDE-GAVIOLA

Renato Reside Jr., son of Mr. and Ms **Renato Reside Sr.**, and **Geraldine Grace Gaviola**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Alberto Gaviola**, exchanged weddings vows on Dec. 8 at the Nuestra Señora de Gracia Church. Reception was held at the Manila Galleria Suites.

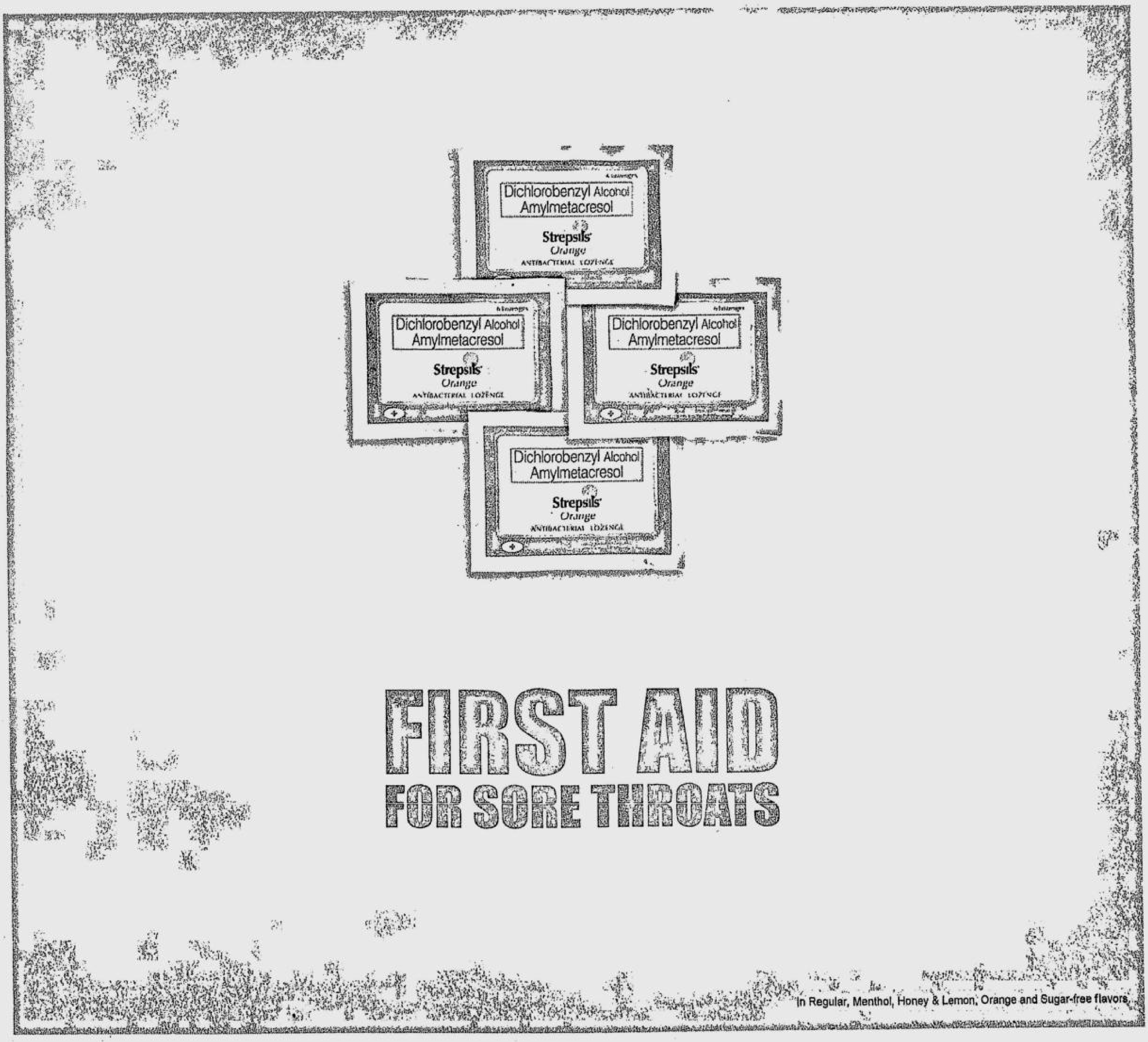
The bride and her entourage wore gowns designed by **Flora Valencia** with flower creations by Flowers of May.

JAEL-GARZON

Ronald R. Jael, son of engineer and Ms **Licerio Jael Jr.**, wed **Arnei M. Garzon,** daughter of Mr. and Ms **Armando Garzon**, on Jan. 20 at the Santisimo Rosario Parish Church, University of Santo Tomas, Manila. Reception was held at the Cabalen Restaurant, West Avenue Branch. The bride wore an off-white bustier gown with spaghetti strap and long train that she conceptualized.

BUENAOBRA-BUENAGUA

Mario Buenaobra of Naga City exchanged vows with **Caroline Buenagua**, daughter of engineer and Ms **Jose Buenagua Jr.** of Oas, Albay, on Jan. 28 at the San Agustin Church, Intramuros, Manila. Reception was held at the Century Park Hotel.



JOHN and Bennette Rana

A dotcom sisterhood among brides

From page F1

dead serious."

Support group

A sisterhood on the Net has thus developed among faceless women, most of whom are jittery brides.

"It's really so amazing how the members become close in the course of planning for a wedding," John says. "They share tips, problems, suggestions, pointers, *lahat na*. It's really like a pre-wedding support group and many brides have found it very helpful."

On the site, no woman can be accused of being "too full of oneself" when she talks about wedding plans nonstop. "That's what the site is all about and that's why these brides are there for one another," Bennette stresses. "Oftentimes, they just need the space to air and vent. Planning for a wedding can be pretty stressful, you know."

For one who's been there and done that on the W@W website—with great aplomb and creativity, mind you—John and Bennette have put together a treasure trove of resources for today's Filipina bride. The site caters to the B market and majority of its members are career girls in the twentysomething age group.

"Many of our members plan their weddings on their own and just hire the services of a day coordinator," Bennette says. Doing so cuts the costs of hiring a wedding planner/coordinator in half. The W@W website has interesting facts and trivia about Filipino weddings and even delves into ritual and tradition. Foreigners marrying Filipinas can check out the legal requirements on this site as well.

Its most popular feature, however, is the W@W e-mail group and message board, which is the unofficial support group of W@W bride to-bes. The W@W e-group is a global virtual community of Filipino brides to-be with members from the US, Australia, UK and even Russia. W@Wies (as the members like to call themselves) have already organized eyeball meetings and have had the opportunity to meet face to face. "Even our brides in New York and L.A. have their own eyeball sessions there," Bennette shares.

Directory

Its most impressive section though is the directory of wedding professionals, an impressive listing of anything and everything you could possibly think of needing for your wedding. The directory lists church and ceremony venues; choices for a reception (hotels, restaurants and caterers); wedding consultants and coordinators whose prices range from P8,000 to sky's the limit, depending upon the services required; special effects (bubbles, butterflies, firecrackers, confetti, fireworks?); photographers and videographers; cake confectioners; wedding entertainment (strings, choir, piano, band or videoke and even emcees). Plus, there are even listings for post-wedding services such as bouquet preservation. Members and even guests to the site can e-mail these suppliers and ask for quotes. Looking for a place to honeymoon? The site covers that, too.

If you're curious about other Filipino wedsites, W@W has links to them as well and even has a feature of real-life wedding stories. For star-struck brides to-be, there's even a section on Pinoy celebrity weddings. There's just about a little bit of everything to help out Filipino brides on W@W. As the website itself claims, "We put the W@W in your wedding."

Email the author at cbguballa@inquirer.com.ph

Bobby Andrews talks about fatherhood

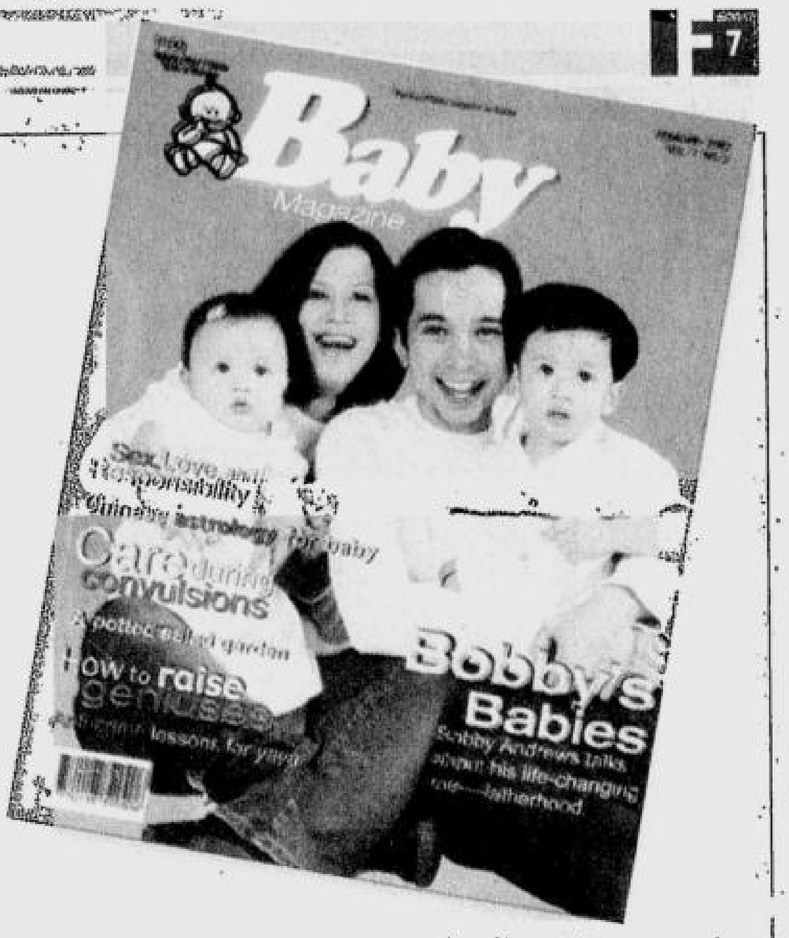
FORMER "TGIS" heartthrob Bobby Andrews, his other half Bien, and their two angels Arty and Gabrielle grace the cover of the February issue of Baby Magazine, the country's first Filipino magazine devoted to child-bearing, childbirth and child rearing. Find out about their love story as a couple and as a family in the inside pages.

For those who love gardening but may have limited space in their home, Baby Magazine features "A Potted Salad Garden," a step-by-step guide on how to grow your own veggies and herbs in portable pots.

In this issue, teach *yaya* to watch out against criminals in an article titled "Anti-crime Lessons for Yaya." Baby Magazine's February offering also has three tae kwon dö moves for mom's or sister's self-defense in its fitness pages.

Check your baby's temperament against an article on Chinese astrology for babies. This being the Year of the Horse (which according to the Chinese calendar started Feb. 12), you can answer questions like, "What's a Horse child like?" And find out how to deal with a Horse child.

"When your baby is breech" and "Care during convulsions" are also featured in this month's issue of Baby Magazine, which is available at National Bookstore outlets, the Baby Company Section of all SM Department Stores nationwide, Binondo Media magazine stands and specialty shops. Call 751-3655/56.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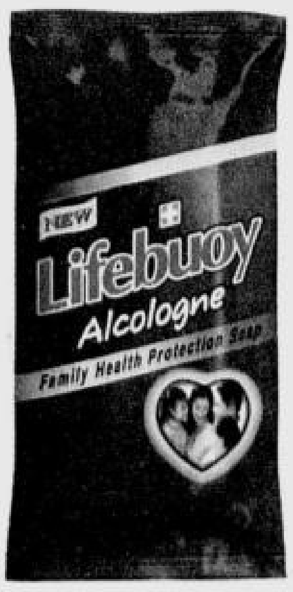

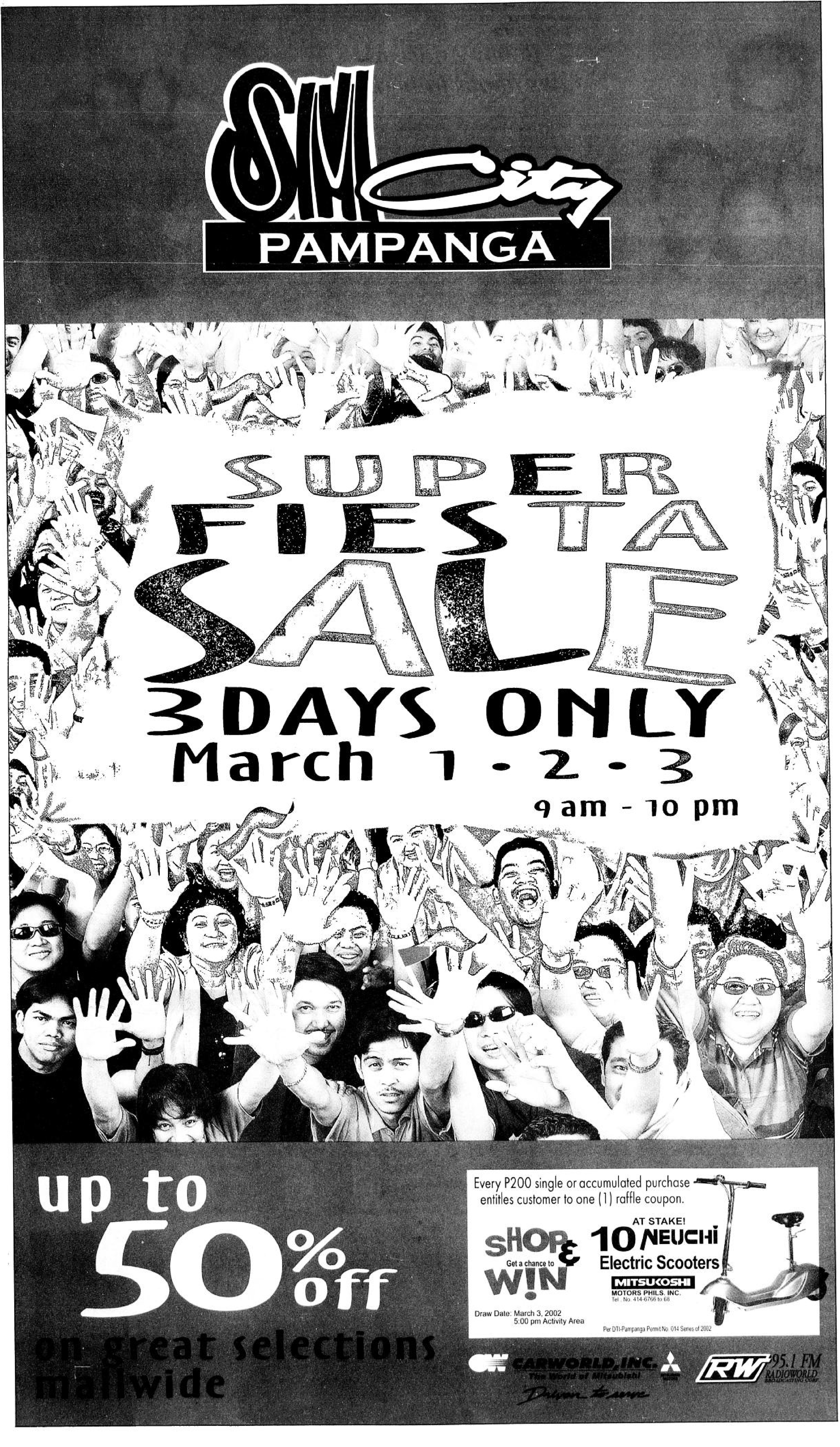

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The 4th Ayala Malls Merchant Rewards Night

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A Salute to Excellence in Retail

The Commercial Centers Group of Ayala Land, Inc. gave congratulatory recognition to its valued partners via the 4th Ayala Malls Merchant Rewards Night for outstanding performances during the previous year. Close to 120 awards were handed out to retailers in the three Ayala Malls.

Visual Merchandising Excellence Awards, divided into Fashion Retail and Non-Fashion Retail subcategories, give recognition to Ayala Malls merchants for their efforts and enthusiasm in creating visual merchandising and display in their outlets for the whole year. The Christmas Decoration Special Awards were also given out for window displays that captured the Christmas spirit through creative and engaging décor.

COMMERCIAL Centers Group Head and SVP Miriam Katigbak echoes the call for excellence

The **Marketing Program Excellence Awards** encourages innovative marketing programs and exceptional image building. Four special awards form this category – two of which, are new additions. Miriam O. Katigbak, senior vice president and head of the Commercial Centers Group introduced the **On-Line Retailer Award** as a "recognition of the breakthroughs and application of e-commerce" in selling their respective brands to a dynamic and fast-paced market. Also a new addition to the Program, are the **Values Awards**, which applaud "achievements in such heartfelt matters as love of country, the environment and national customs".

Awards were also given out to **Discount Plus Card Partners** with the most number of recorded Discount Plus transactions, and **Marketing Partners** who actively and enthusiastically participated in major and special events, promotional activities and advertising.

In recognition of Ayala Malls establishments that have successfully adhered to Ayala Malls Property Management standards and have continuously committed to the Ayala Malls standards of customer service, the program also includes **Store Operations Excellence Awards**; while **Customer Service Special Awards** are presented to the establishments who have consistently delivered the highest standards of customer service.

The most prestigious set of Awards are given to the **Store of the Year**, which recognizes Ayala Malls retailers who uphold and maintain the highest standards of business management and store operations, aside from having contributed significantly in sales and image-building for their establishments as well as for the Ayala Malls.

NOW on its fourth year, the Ayala Malls Merchant Rewards Program nurtures the growth of the Ayala Malls (Ayala Center Makati, Alabang Town Center and Ayala Center Cebu) by recognizing retailers whose innovative moves, exemplary management and marketing savvy serve to inspire and motivate other entrepreneurs.

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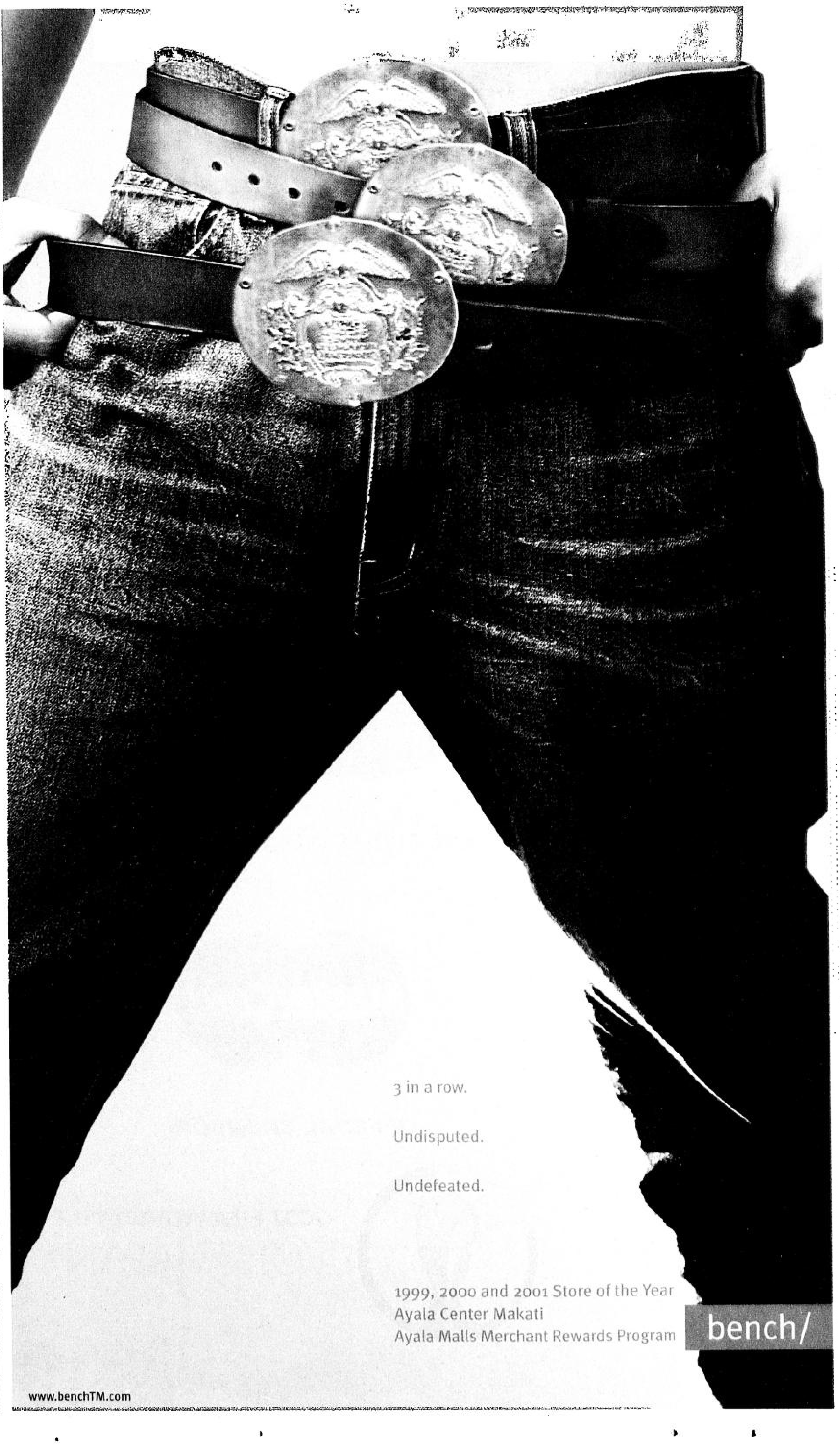
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Bench, Bayo and Penshoppe Top the 4th Ayala Malls Merchant Rewards

Fernando Zobel de Ayala, chairman of Ayala Land, Inc. congratulates this year's outstanding merchants

THREE among the most popular retailers in the local fashion scene each garnered this year's coveted **Store of the Year Award** in the three Ayala Malls. The owners of **Bench**, **Bayo**, and **Penshoppe**, all hotshots in ready-to-wear fashion were saluted by Ayala Land, Inc.'s top executives: its chairman, Fernando Zobel de Ayala; president, Francisco Licuanan III; and Commercial Centers Group head and senior vice president Miriam Katigbak. Bench won for Ayala Center Makati, Bayo for Alabang Town Center and Penshoppe for Ayala Center Cebu. This year also marks the addition of two new special awards to Ayala Mall's usual roster of categories: the **Values Marketing Awards** were won by **Penshopppe** in **Ayala Center Makati**, **Dulcinea Alabang Town Center** and **Penshoppe** in **Ayala Center Cebu**. The **Online Retailer Awards** for all three malls were received by **Chicco** and the **Linea Italia Group**.

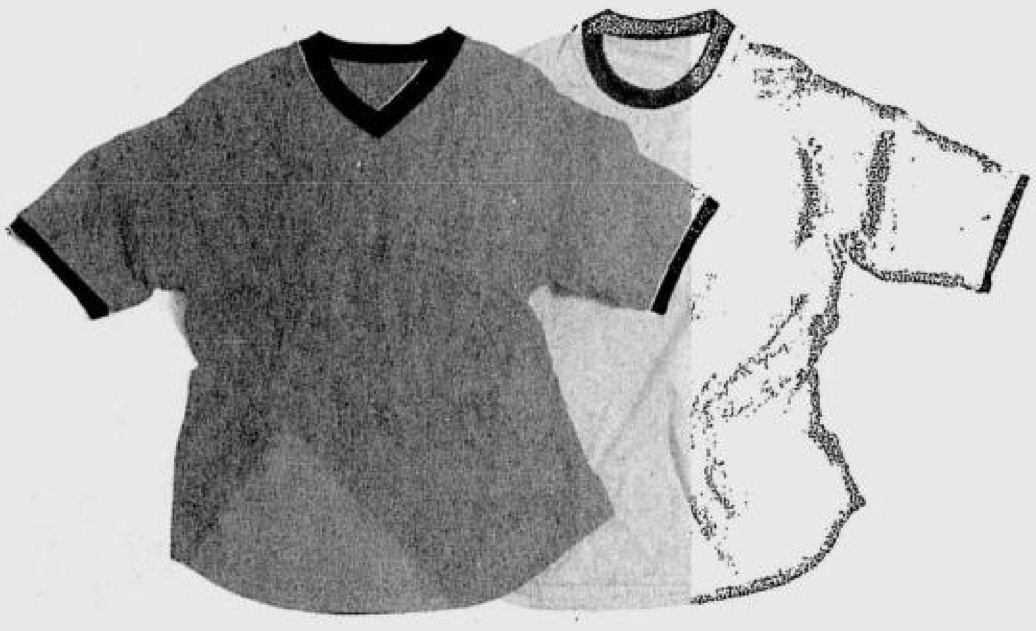
The **4th Ayala Malls Merchants Rewards Night,** which was held last February 11 at the Glorietta Activity Center, highlighted a very challenging year for the retail industry. "We are happy that we have done well," said Katigbak. And to the Ayala Malls merchants, she affirmed, "Let us reward you for your innovation, creativity, vision and marketing savvy. This in turn will inspire others to do their best and move the industry to even greater heights." Hosted by TV personality Cher Calvin, with performances by SOP talents, Jaya, Lani Misalucha, Ogie Alcasid and Janno Gibbs and the VIP Dancers, the ceremony was an evening of giving a toast to last year's best performers in visual merchandising, marketing and store operations.

SOP talents Ogie Alcasid, Jaya, Lani Misalucha and Janno Gibbs, performers par excellence, entertain the guests

FERNANDO Zobel de Ayala, Miriam O. Katigbak, and Francisco Licuanan III award Bench, represented by owner Ben Chan and endorsers Richard and Lucy Gomez, as Store of the Year for Ayala Center Makati

FERNANDO Zobel de Ayala, Miriam Katigbak, Ayala Land Inc. President Francisco Licuanan III and Pierangeli Sulit, center manager of Alabang Town Center, award Bayo, represented by owner Corazon Bitong (middle), as Alabang Town Center's Store of the Year

FERNANDO Zobel de Ayala, Miriam Katigbak, Francisco Licuanan III and Cebu Holdings, Inc. President Rene Almendras award Penshoppe, represented by Bernie and Alice Liu, as Ayala Center Cebu's Store of the Year



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VISUAL MERCHANDISING EXCELLENCE

Special Awards

1. Best Christmas Decoration

a. Apparel
    · Local - Havin a Baby
    · Foreign – Baby Guess
b. Food
    · Local – St. Cinnamon
c. Cart – Potato Corner
d. Hotel – Shangri-La Manila
e. Department Store/Jr. Anchor Store–Rustan's

Main Awards

1. Fashion Retail Category

a. Apparel
    · Local – Tango
    · Foreign – Mix
a. Shoes/Leathergoods/Accessories
    · Local – Fino
    · Foreign – Furla

2. Non- Fashion Retail Category

a. Food – Mangan
b. Specialty Store – Kish
c. Other Retail Stores & Services – Hub
d. Department Store's/Jr. Anchor Store – Rustan's

II. MARKETING EXCELLENCE

Special Awards

1. Discount Plus Card Partners – Cinderella, Bench, Goodwill Bookstore, TGIFriday's, Kamiseta, Toytwon, Mann Yann, CPK, Guess Flagship, Chili's

2. Marketing Partners – Bench, Big & Small, Penshoppe, Timezone, Kameraworld, Pancake House, Pho Hoa

3. Values Marketing - Penshoppe

4. On-Line Retailers

a. E-Commerce Enabled - Chicco
b. Non E-Commerce Enabled - Linea Italia

Main Awards

1. Food - Tequila Joe's
2. Non-Food – Human
3. Department Store/Jr. Anchor Store/Supermarket – True Value

III. STORE OPERATIONS EXCELLENCE

Special Awards

1. Superior Customer Service

a. Food – National Sports Grill
b. Non-Food – Armani Exchange
c. Department Store/Jr. Anchor Store/Supermarket – Rustan's

Main Awards

1. Store Operations Excellence – Bench, Bayo, Penshoppe, Girbaud, CMG by Celine, Florsheim, La Elegancia, Roanne's Kiosk, Kenny Roger's Café Mediterranean

IV. STORE OF THE YEAR – BENCH

ALABANG TOWN CENTER

I. VISUAL MERCHANDISING EXCELLENCE

Special Awards

1. Best Christmas Decoration

a. Apparel
    · Local – Tesoro's
b. Food
    · Local – TGIFriday's
c. Cart – Crabtree & Evelyn
d. Department Store/Jr. Anchor Store – Rustan's

Main Awards

1. Fashion Retail Category

a. Apparel
    · Local – Orange Juice
    · Foreign – AX
b. Shoes/Leathergoods/Accessories
    · Local – Fino
    · Foreign – Nine West

2. Non-Fashion Retail Category

a. Specialty Store – Mai Tai
b. Other Retail Stores & Services – The Spa
c. Department Store/Jr. Anchor Store – The Olympic World

II. MARKETING EXCELLENCE

Special Awards

1. Discount Plus Card Partners – South Supermarket, Makati Supermarket, Olympic World, TGIFriday's, Cinderella

2. Marketing Partners – Guess, Terries, Gift Gate, Kidz Station, Picture City

3. Values Marketing - Dulcinea

Main Awards

1. Food – San Mig
2. Non-Food – Bayo

III.STORE OPERATIONS EXCELLENCE

Special Awards

1. Superior Customer Service

a. Food – Outback
b. Non-Food – The Body Shop
c. Department Store/Jr. Anchor Store/Supermarket – Rustan's

Main Awards

1. Store Operations Excellence – The Body Shop, PCX, Dimensione, Power Books, Bayo

IV. STORE OF THE YEAR – BAYO

AYALA CENTER CEBU

I. VISUAL MERCHANDISING EXCELLENCE

Special Awards

1. Best Christmas Decoration

a. Apparel
    · Local – Cascades
b. Food
    · Local – Don Henrico's
c. Cart – Potato Corner
d. Department Store/Jr. Anchor – Rustan's

Main Awards

1.Fashion Retail Category

a. Apparel
    · Local – Loalde
    · Foreign – Jessica
b. Shoes/Leathergoods/Accessories
    · Local – Celine
    · Foreign – Nike Park

2. Non-Fashion Retail Category

a. Food – Mi Vida
b. Specialty Store – Home Maker
c. Other Retail Stores & Services – Globe
d. Department Store/Jr. Anchor Store – Rustan's

II. MARKETING EXCELLENCE

Special Awards

1. Discount Plus Card Partners – Metro Gaisano, Rustan's, The Body Shop, Fashion Avenue, Guess

2. Marketing Partners – AW Gift Shop, M Lhuillier, Mother's Fried Chicken, Fashion Avenue, Penshoppe

3. Values Marketing - Penshoppe

Main Awards

1. Food – Jollibee
2. Non-Food – Penshoppe

III. STORE OPERATIONS EXCELLENCE

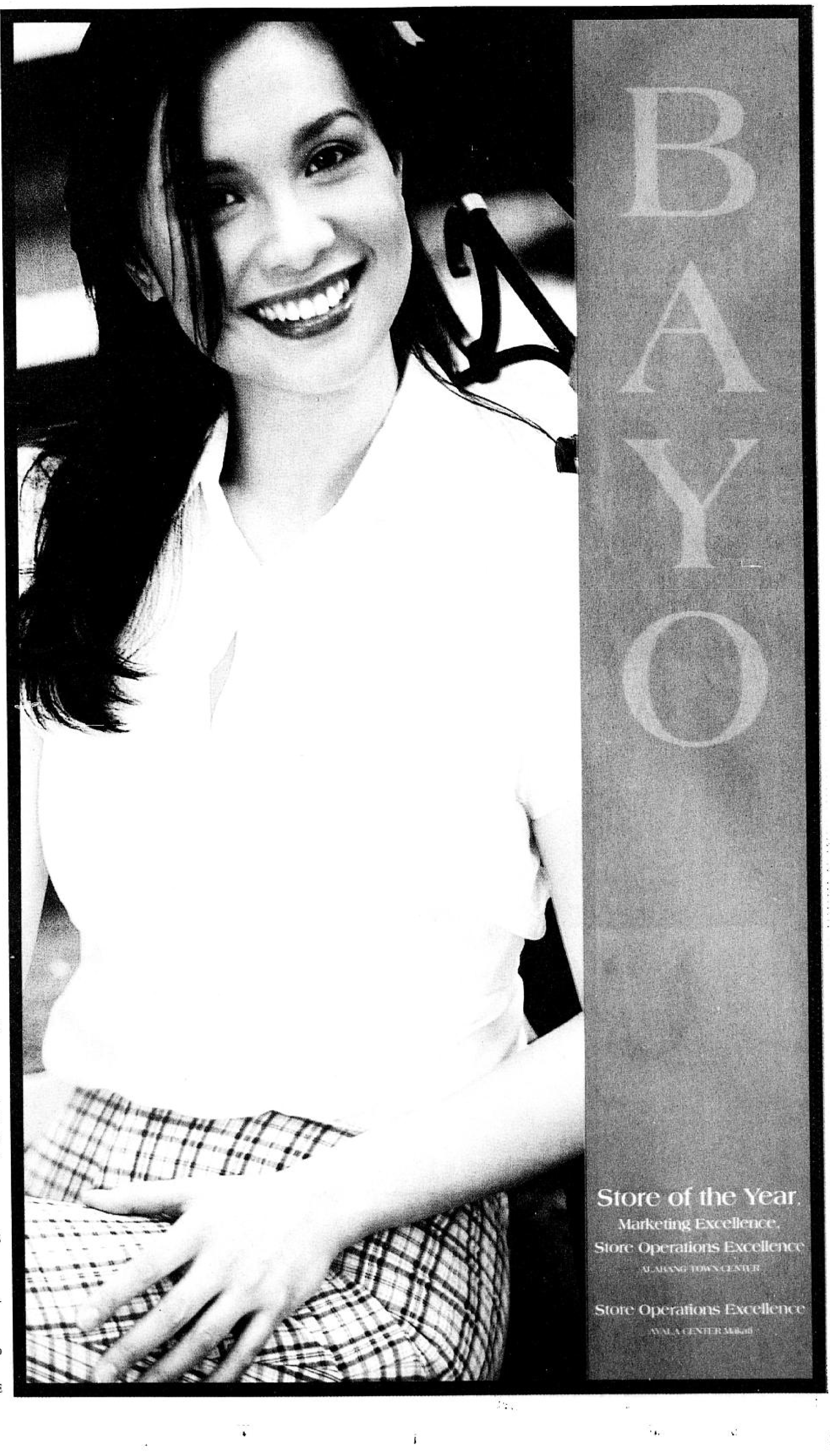
Special Awards

1. Superior Customer Service
a. Food – Chowking
b. Non-Food – Marks Spencer
c. Department Store/Jr. Anchor Store/Supermarket – Rustan's

Main Awards

2. Store Operations Excellence – M Lhuillier, Levi's, Penshoppe, Oro China, Mother's Fried Chicken

IV. STORE OF THE YEAR - PENSHOPPE



The 4th Ayala Malls Merchant Rewards Night

Visual Merchandising Excellence

FOR AYALA Center Makati, Selina Ocampo of **MIX** (center) accepts the award from Myrna Fernandez, division manager of Ayala Land, Inc. and Catherine Zobel.

LIZZIE Zobel of **MAI TAI** Alabang Town Center with Catherine Zobel and Javier Hernandez, deputy manager of Alabang Town Center.

CATHERINE Zobel and Francis Monera, Cebu Holdings, Inc. CEO, present the award to Christopher Aldeguer of **LOALDE** for Ayala Center Cebu.

Penshoppe bags the Store of the Year award, Ayala Center Cebu.
penshoppe

Marketing Excellence

RICO Tantoco of **RUSTAN'S** in Ayala Center Makati is awarded by Winnie Nazareth, Ayala Land Inc. assistant vice president and Catherine Bengzon, ad and promo manager, Ayala Land, Inc.

CORAZON Bitong of **BAYO** Alabang Town Center with presentors, Winnie Nazareth of Ayala Land, Inc. and Maricris Bernardino, ad and promo manager of Alabang Town Center.

DENNIS Flores of **JOLLIBEE** accepts the award from Winnie Nazareth of Ayala Land Inc., and Joy Polloso of Ayala Center Cebu

Store Operations Excellence

MERCHANT REWARDS NIGHT

BERNARDINE Siy and Danny Pumarega of **KENNY ROGERS' ROASTERS** Ayala Center Makati accept the award from Ayala Land Inc.'s Francis Roxas (Division Manager), Rowena Tomeldan (Assistant Vice President), and CJ Jesena (Division Manager).

FOR ALABANG Town Center, Bryan Lim of **PCX** is awarded by Rowena Tomeldan of Ayala Land, Inc. and Pierangeli Sulit, Center Manager of Alabang Town Center.

AMPARITO Lhuillier of **M LHUILLIER** Ayala Center Cebu is awarded by presentors Rowena Tomeldan of Ayala Land, Inc. and Rene Almendras, president of Cebu Holdings, Inc.

Online Retailer

FREDDIE Panicucci of the **LINEA ITALIA GROUP** receives the award from myAyala.com's executive vice president, Dave Rafael and Merceditas Nolledo, executive vice president of Ayala Land, Inc.

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- With outstanding academic credentials and at least 3 years relevant work experience in financial and operations audit of manufacturing/exporting companies;
- With strong analytical, quantitative, problem solving, and communication skills;
- Responsibility includes but not limited to verification of accuracy of records, compliance with standards, policies and procedures; compiles audit findings and recommendations for modifications and improvement to systems and procedures;
- Highly proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.

Interested applicants are requested to mail their comprehensive resume' with transcript of records and a most recent photograph, NBI Clearance and a letter of recommendation at:

The Human Resource Department
6th Floor One Corporate Plaza Building
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- ☑ Must be personable with good interpersonal skills
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- ☑ Must have excellent communication skills and results-oriented
- ☑ Willing to do client calls and/or field work

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- ☑ Must have at least 1 to 2 years related work experience
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- ☑ Must be computer literate
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- ☑ Male, between 22 to 30 years old
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- ☑ Must have 3 months to 1 year hands-on experience in the same capacity in any food business set-up
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- ☑ Must have excellent leadership skills, analytical and results-oriented
- ☑ Can effectively work under pressure with less supervision, well organized and cost efficient
- ☑ Customer-service oriented and with mature disposition
- ☑ Willing to undergo comprehensive training and work on shifts
- ☑ Must be computer literate

Qualified applicants are requested to apply personally or send comprehensive resumé with current picture to:

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Qualifications:

- ☑ Male, not more than 25 years old
- ☑ Graduate of BS Chemistry or Engineering course
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- ☑ Must have a valid driver's license, preferably with at least 2 years driving experience since considerable travel will be involved
- ☑ Knowledge in computer application (Word, Excel, Power Point)
- ☑ Energetic, results driven and with excellent communication skills
- ☑ Effective team player

SHIELDING GAS SPECIALIST

Qualifications:

- ☑ Male, not more than 26 years old
- ☑ Qualified welder, with at least 2 years experience in MIG (GMAW)
- ☑ Preferably with skills and knowledge on TIG (GTAW), and gas welding and cutting
- ☑ Graduate of vocational/technical or engineering course
- ☑ Must have a valid driver's license, preferably with at least 2 years driving experience
- ☑ Knowledge in computer application (Word, Excel) would be an advantage
- ☑ Aggressive and sociable, with good communication skills

The shielding gas specialist is a sales position which will be responsible for the overall development of the product across the Philippines by getting new accounts, assist and support area salespeople in selling to prospective accounts, conduct process audit along with trainings and seminars, both for customers and the internal salesforce. The person will also handle development of allied products, such as consumables and equipment related to these welding applications.

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Reporting to the General Manager, Safety, Health and Environmental Quality (Philippines), the Safety Officer is accountable for overseeing, monitoring, coordinating, supporting and assisting to ensure that a high level of international systems is implemented in all sites and on-sites within the control of the company.

Qualifications:

- ☑ BS Engineering graduate, preferably licensed
- ☑ 2 years experience in general safety processes
- ☑ At least 1 year experience in Technical and Safety Auditing
- ☑ Experience in ISO9000 and International Safety Rating System (ISRS) Audit and Accredited Pollution Controller officer is definitely an advantage
- ☑ With computer know-how specifically MS Office
- ☑ Must have above-average communication skills, written and oral
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- ☑ Willing to travel and a holder of valid driver's license, with at least two years of continuous driving experience

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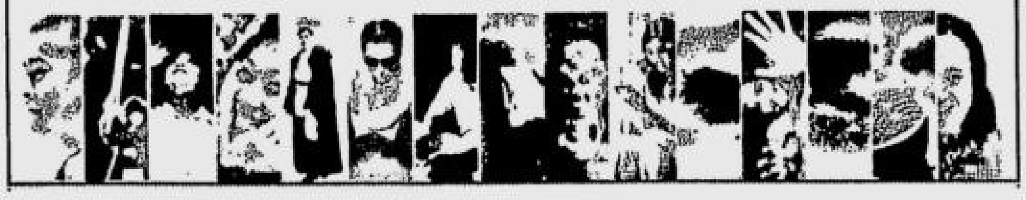

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- Excellent communication skills
- Able to relate with people from all levels in the organization

COMPTROLLER (Code: COM)

- CPA
- At least 5 years managerial experience in accounting, financial analysis, taxation, SEC regulations
- Experience in setting up and supervising systems on financial and accounting controls
- Output-oriented
- Excellent communication skills
- Able to relate with people from all levels in the organization

INTERNAL AUDITOR (Code: IA)

- CPA
- Must have at least 5 years managerial auditing experience from a manufacturing or auditing firm
- Output-oriented
- Excellent communication skills
- Able to relate with people from all levels in the organization

OFFICE MANAGER (Code: OM)

- CPA an advantage
- At least 3 years managerial experience in accounting, treasury and administration
- Must be able to introduce new ideas on planning, systems and procedures, internal control and policies
- Output-oriented
- Excellent communication skills
- Able to relate with people from all levels in the organization

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ANALYST (Code: APA)

- Accounting graduate
- With solid accounting experience in medium to large manufacturing firm
- Familiar with BIR regulations
- Computer literate
- Honest, analytical and systematic
- Willing to work long hours
- Can work with minimum supervision

AUDIT STAFF (Code: AS)

- Accounting graduate
- With solid auditing experience in medium to large manufacturing firm
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- Willing to work long hours
- Can work with minimum supervision

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- ~ Willing to be assigned anywhere in Metro Manila

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Assistant Supervisors (for production and maintenance)

- ❖ Male/Female at least 20-30 years old
- ❖ Graduate of any Engineering course
- ❖ With at least 6 months of supervisory work experience
- ❖ Aggressive, analytical and assertive
- ❖ Knowledge in machine operation for wooden product

Production Operator

- ❖ Male/Female between 20-27 years old
- ❖ High School or College Level
- ❖ Physically Fit and able body
- ❖ Good moral character
- ❖ Preferably residing with in Cavite area

Office Personnel

- ❖ Male/Female between 21-27 years old
- ❖ Graduate of Computer Science or any computer related course
- ❖ Knowledge in AutoCad is an advantage
- ❖ With experience in office work, people oriented and can work on extended hours

Company Nurse

- ❖ Female between 21-27 years old
- ❖ Experience in Industrial setting is an advantage
- ❖ With or without license

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- ❖ Female between 21-27 years old
- ❖ B.S. Management Graduate Major in Marketing
- ❖ Can work under pressure

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- ❖ Male be 20-27 years old
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- ❖ With Professional Driver's License
- ❖ Good moral character

Facility Staff (urgent hiring)

- ❖ At least High School, Vocational or College Level
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- ❖ With knowledge and skills in carpentry, plumbing, planning and scheduling
- ❖ Physically well built and able body
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- Strong leadership skills and experience in handling and motivating staff; formulating and implementing sales and marketing plans
- Excellent communication skills and preferably experience in organizing product training and presentation; ability to speak Chinese would be an advantage but not required
- Salary/compensation package negotiable.

II. SENIOR ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

- Male/Female, 24-32 years old with pleasing personality
- Graduate of Engineering, Marketing, Mass Communication, Business Management
- At least 2 years sales experience and ability to deal and interact with Architects, Designers, and Engineers would be an advantage
- Creative, aggressive, honest, hardworking and results-oriented
- Candidates with knowledge in electrical products and can effectively communicate in Chinese would be an advantage
- Salary commensurate to experience and qualifications plus allowances, high sales commission, bonuses and incentives. We offer career growth and promotion to supervisory/managerial position after one year of good performance

III. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

- Male/Female, 22-26 years old with pleasing personality
- Graduate of Engineering, Marketing, Mass Communication, Psychology, Business Management
- Willing to undergo product training and do field visitation to promote company's products and establish business relations with country's top Architects, Electrical Designers, Engineers
- Hardworking, creative, confident, smart, honest, and results-oriented
- Excellent communication skills. Knowledge of Chinese an advantage but not required
- We offer above industry starting salary plus allowances and promotion to higher position after one year of good performance.

IV. SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

- Female, not more than 38 years old
- Accountancy graduate preferably CPA, or at least attended CPA review
- Fluent in English and Chinese languages
- At least 3 years experience and knowledgeable in all phases of accounting work; Financial reports; can implement policies and internal controls
- Proficient in computer Microsoft Word & Excel
- Salary negotiable

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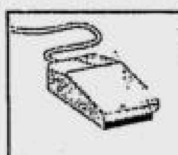

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- Must be computer literate
- With good command in English language
- Excellent communication skills

I.T. STAFF

- Female, single
- Not over 26 years old
- Preferably computer science graduate
- Related experience an advantage
- With good communication skills

CUSTOMER RESPONSE CLERK

- Female, single, not over 25 years old
- Must be college graduate from a reputable school
- Fluent in English language & good interpersonal skills
- Computer literate

COMPUTER TRAINING INSTRUCTOR

- BS Computer Science graduate
- Teaching units an advantage
- Must have adequate experience as instructor from a computer learning institute

Due to the urgency of the need, qualified applicants are requested to send immediately their comprehensive resumé, transcript of records, and recent photo to:

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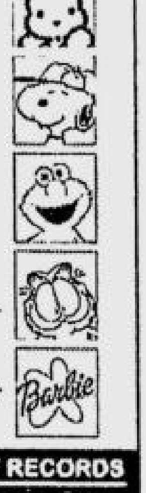
Characters

- STORE OPERATIONS MANAGER/ CONSULTANT
- MERCHANDISE MANAGER
- PR MANAGER
- BRAND MANAGER
- DESIGNER/ MERCHANDISER (for Children's Apparel)
- ARTIST (for Bags & Accessories)
- PROJECT COORDINATOR (EE or Architecture Graduate)
- INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER
- AUDIT STAFF
- MANAGEMENT TRAINEE



- Female, not more than 35 years old
- With solid work experience of the same capacity
- With pleasing personality and good moral character
- Computer literate

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- ➢ Must have strong leadership abilities, good communication skills, flexible and result oriented, must be people's person.
- ➢ Female not more than 30 years old.

BRAND SUPERVISORS

- ➢ Graduate of Marketing/ Management course, with at least 1 year working experience in Brand Management.
- ➢ Computer literate, analytical, creative and self- starter, female not more than 30 years old.

STORE SUPERVISORS/ MANAGEMENT TRAINEE

- ➢ Graduate of Marketing/ Management course, with at least 1 year working in retail and manufacturing operations.
- ➢ Possess strong leadership and motivational ability, computer literate, female not more than 30 years old.

ADVERTISING ASSISTANT/ CREATIVE ASST.

- ➢ Advertising/ Masscom graduate, highly creative, organized & detailed oriented.
- ➢ Preferably with 6 months working experience in field of Advertising. Female , 22-26 years old.

ARTIST/ GRAPHIC ARTIST

- ➢ Fine Arts , Fashion Design graduate or any related course.
- ➢ Can execute and develop designs, knowledgeable in freehand drawing and computer software like Corel draw and Photoshop, female , 20- 28 yrs. old, creative and hardworking.

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BRING NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS

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QUALIFICATIONS:

- ➢ Male or female with pleasing personality
- ➢ 24 to 35 years old
- ➢ Marketing graduate—Fine Arts graduate
- ➢ At least 2 years experience in sales and marketing
- ➢ Highly interested and motivated
- ➢ Preferably a resident of Pasig City

Requirements:

- ➢ Comprehensive Resumé/Bio-data with two 2x2 ID pictures
- ➢ Application Letter/Letter of Intent
- ➢ Previous Employment Record (sales record if any)

Submit to:

Sta. Clara de Montefalco Parish Office
C. Raymundo corner Mercedes Avenue Caniogan, Pasig City
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- Undertakes advocacy functions in the context of the Country Cooperation Framework (CCF), Strategic Results Framework (SRF), and associated special, regional and global initiatives.
- Assists in development of strategic development partnerships in line with the MTDP and related framework and strategy documents for poverty reduction.
- Provides programme and policy advice to national counterparts and promotes translation to action plans.
- Helps develop portfolio/project concepts into quality project products by revising project/ programme designs, if necessary, and developing strategic pipeline projects.
- Manages ongoing portfolios for relevant and quality results while meeting delivery targets.
- Follows up projects with potential linkages with bilateral and implementing agencies.
- Creates and executes strategies to influence government policies.
- Coordinates policy advocacy programme development with CO and UNDAF task forces.
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- Manages ongoing programmes for relevant and quality results while meeting delivery targets through effective monitoring and evaluation.
- Provides inputs to thematic evaluation for programme learning.
- Helps institutionalize results by establishing networks/councils and through legislation.

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- Formulates medium- and short-term goals and plans of the Unit. Undertakes unit operational planning and task management.; integrates unit plans into SRF.
- Determines the feasibility of the projects within budget constraints and shifting public preferences.
- Monitors unit performance and introduce improvements and problem solving measures; ensures the successful implementation of the unit's goals/projects as well as compliance with UNDP programme policies and procedures.
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- Provides technical support to unit staff and evaluates their performance.
- Helps continuously develop staff capacity.

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- Helps pursue diversified resource mobilization efforts.
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- Initiates private sector collaboration through partnerships.
- Handles other tasks as may be assigned, such as participating as part of CO senior management team, chairing various committees, or handling the task management of regional programmes in behalf of the RR.

Job Requirements:

- Master's degree in related field
- At least 4-6 years experience in policy analysis and advocacy
- At least 4-5 years experience in programme/project formulation, implementation, evaluation and overall management, in a senior capacity
- Close familiarity and working relationships with key national and international agencies; ability to work cooperatively with others in the performance of tasks
- Social mobilization/community organizing/conference organizing experience
- Good negotiation and facilitation skills
- Working knowledge of the UNDP thrust, policies and procedures
- Excellent communication skills, both oral and written; ability to write and speak clearly, concisely, and quickly in different styles and formats; knowledge of one or more additional languages an asset
- Good independent judgment

Duration - Initial appointment will be for a period of three (3) months with possible extension. Applications with complete resume must be received on or before **11 MARCH 2002** addressed to: **The Personnel Unit, P.O. Box 7285, Domestic Airport Post Office, 1300 Domestic Road, Pasay City.**

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REQUIREMENTS:

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- Can deal well with different types of persons

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ASSISTANT SUPERVISORS (for production and maintenance)

- Male/Female at least 20-30 years old; Graduate of any Engineering course; With at least 6 months of supervisory work experience; Aggressive, analytical and assertive; Knowledge in machine operation for wooden product.

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- Male/Female between 21-27 years of age; Client Oriented; Knowledgeable in ORACLE, SQL, VISUAL BASIC AND NETWORKING Win NT/98, TCP/IP, PBX; PC troubleshooting (Hardware and Software); With six months experienced in the following:
  - Server/LAN Admin
  - Telephone Technician
  - Data Communication

OFFICE PERSONNEL

- Male/Female between 21-27 years old; Graduate of Industrial Engineering, Computer Science or any computer related course, Knowledge in Auto Cad is an advantage; With experience in office work, people oriented and can work on extended hours.

PRODUCTION BASED

TRUCK HEAD DRIVER (urgent hiring)

- Male at least 30 up to 40 years of age; High School or Vocational Course (related in auto mechanic); Experience in Driving Truck Head; Skills in Heavy Equipment Mechanic; With professional Driver's License (R Code - 6 & 3, 2, 1)

MAINTENANCE STAFF

- Male between 20-27 years old; Vocational or College Graduate; At least 1 year experience as electrician, mechanic, welder; Can read electrical diagram symbol; Must be familiar in manufacturing machine trouble; Knowledge in compressor repair; Knowledge in AVR control

FORKLIFT OPERATOR (urgent hiring)

- At least High School, Vocational or College Level; Male between 20-27 years old; With 6 months experience in forklift operation; With Professional Driver's License; With good moral character

FACILITY STAFF

- At least High School, Vocational or College Level; Male between 20-27 years old; With knowledge and skills in carpentry, plumbing, planning and scheduling; Physically well built and able body; With good moral character

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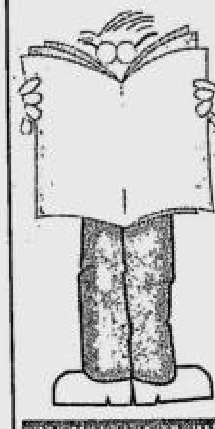

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- College degree, preferably in the field of marketing or communications
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E-mail: fun@kidzworld.com.ph

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- Makati

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- Proven track record in deposit and loan generation in a banking institution

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Qualifications:
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Responsible for generating fund sources by identifying, developing and maintaining good business relationships with fund investors and users to maintain a minimum quota of corporate accounts

Qualifications:
- Minimum of two years experience in Marketing

CREATIVE ASSISTANT

Responsible for design and lay-out of the bank's advertising materials

Qualifications:
- Preferably Fine Arts graduate
- Knowledgeable in computer softwares such as Photoshop & Illustrator
- Related experience in Marketing/Merchandising design (brochures, newsletters, posters)
- Not over 35 years old

HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT

To handle salary and benefits administration, training and recruitment

Qualifications:
- College graduate, preferably with units in Accounting
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Experience in HR work is an advantage

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Qualifications:
- Graduate of any business course
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- Preferably single

All candidates must be graduates of Accountancy or any business course, must possess strong leadership qualities and be proficient in oral and written communication.

Qualified applicants may send their resumés to the UCPB Savings Human Resources Department, 4th floor, USB Building, 153 Legazpi St., Legazpi Village, Makati City on or before March 15, 2002. Please indicate the position you are applying for.

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ACCOUNTING CLERK

- ■ 21-28 years old; Female; graduate of BS in Accountancy; computer literate.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

- ■ 23-25 years old; 4-year college course; computer skills; conversant in English.

STOCK CLERK

- ■ 25-30 years old; 4-year college course; 2 years experience in stock inventory/control; computer literate.

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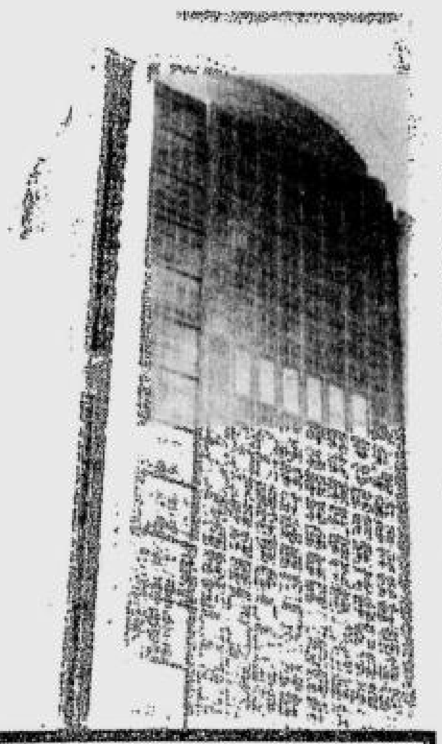

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- Able to organize and develop a sales force
- Exceptional leadership and management ability

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(Las Piñas, Parañaque & Bacoor Branches)

- Male/Female, at least 21 years old
- Record of honesty and good performance
- Organized, self-motivated, people-oriented and with a genuine desire to work
- Able to network organizations and companies

BRANCH CASHIER/SECRETARY

(Bacoor Branch)

- Female, single, at least 21 years old
- Accounting graduate
- Preferably a resident of Cavite

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corporate office team
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ADM/PRL CLERK

- College graduate
- Male, not more than 30 years old
- With extensive background in purchasing and general services
- At least 2 years experience
- Responsible, trustworthy, can work with minimum supervision
- Computer literate

RECORDS CLERK

- College graduate
- Male/Female
- Not more than 25 years old
- Good communication skills
- At least 2 years clerical experience
- With good scholastic record
- Computer literate

ACCOUNTING CLERK

- Accounting graduate
- Male/Female, 22 to 25 years old
- Good communication skills
- With good scholastic record
- Proficient in computer, particularly MS-office

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- ✓ Knowledge in related products is an advantage
- ✓ Must be able to organized project reporting and monitoring
- ✓ Must be good in oral & written communication and Computer Literate
- ✓ Knowledge in AutoCAD, VISIO and other applicable software
- ✓ Sales experience is an advantage

ACCOUNTING OFFICER

- ✓ Female, Filipino Chinese, 23- 28 yrs. old with strong pleasing personality
- ✓ Accounting Graduate
- ✓ Hardworking, detail oriented, computer literate
- ✓ With experience is an advantage
- ✓ Graps instruction easily, willing to work overtime
- ✓ Must be good in oral & written communication.

SOFTWARE PROGRAMMER

- ✓ Male/Female, Filipino/Filipino Chinese, 25 to 32 yrs old, with pleasing personality, Must be good in oral and written communication
- ✓ Must have basic knowledge in PABX, Voice Mail, Computer Telephony Integration, Integrated Voice Response, Automatic Call Distribution, Call Logging, Unified Messaging System for Call Center Application
- ✓ Must be knowledgable in Visual Basic 6, Access 2000, Crystal 8.0, SQL2000
- ✓ Willing to work long hours, With 2 years selling experience is an advantage

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GLOBALTECH INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION
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Sta. Cruz, Manila, 1003 Philippines
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HR DEPARTMENT
Room 602 Metropolitan Terraces Condominium
Sacred Heart Street corner Metropolitan Avenue
Makati City
E-mail address: hrd@jimac-inc.com

A NOODLE MANUFACTURING COMPANY
is in need of the following:

PRODUCTION SUPERVISORS

- ➢ Male, graduate of Mechanical Engineering or Electrical Engineering
- ➢ Minimum of two years relevant experience in food manufacturing
- ➢ Willing to work in shifts
- ➢ Computer literate, highly analytical, adept in production planning, quality assurance and has good communication skills.

BOILER TECHNICIANS

- ➢ Male, technical school course graduate
- ➢ With experience in operation, maintenance and trouble shooting of boilers
- ➢ Willing to work in shifts and can work with minimum supervision

FOOD ANALYSTS

- ➢ Male/Female of CHEMICAL ENGINEERING or FOOD TECHNOLOGY
- ➢ Minimum of 1 year experience in food industry
- ➢ Computer literate, can work with minimum supervision
- ➢ Good communication skills, both in oral and written English

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

- ➢ Male/Female at least 21 years old, graduate of any 4-year course
- ➢ Computer literate, hardworking, assertive and highly motivated
- ➢ With knowledge in timekeeping procedures
- ➢ Can work with minimum supervision
- ➢ Good communications skills, both in oral and written English

ALL ABOVE APPLICANTS WILL BE ASSIGNED AT ANGELES, PAMPANGA

Please send your resumé, transcript of records and 2x2 picture to:

JAZDALE ENTERPRISE
c/o Alex Wong
Room 402 Dolores Building
434 Barraca Street
Binondo, Manila 1006

Qualified applicants will be called for interview.

Yapster
e-Trade, Inc.

Yapster e-Trade, Inc. is an online stock broker company that delivers online equities trading to investors desktops with necessary tools to manage risks and maximize investment returns.

FREELANCE MARKETING CONSULTANTS

Responsibilities:

Will market Mutual Bond Fund and generate new accounts. Responsibilities will include product demonstrations to prospective individual and/or corporate clients and build customer relations.

Requirements:

- ☑ Male/Female, 21 years old and above
- ☑ With excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- ☑ Hardworking, self-motivated and result-oriented individuals
- ☑ Good team player
- ☑ Willing to be trained
- ☑ Willing to do field work

Interested applicants are requested to send their comprehensive resumé, transcript of records and one 2x2 picture to:

Human Resources Department
5/F, BA Lepanto Building, Paseo de Roxas
Makati City 1226
or e-mail @:
tricia.marcelo@yapster.com; marcus.carreon@yapster.com
visit our website @ www.yapster.com

MARKETING ASSISTANT FOR CREATIVES

- M/F with pleasing personality
- Must not be more than 25 years old
- Marketing or Mass Communications graduate from a reputable university or college
- Creative and must be computer literate in using freehand, corel draw, adobe, etc.
- Hardworking and determined, with excellent oral and written communication skills
- Must be willing to travel

ORCHARD PROPERTY MARKETING CORPORATION
A SUBSIDIARY OF STA. LUCIA REALTY & DEVELOPMENT, INC.

Qualified applicants are invited to visit OPMCn at Unit 708 West Tower PSEC, Exchange Road Ortigas Center, Pasig City. Please bring resumé and 2x2 photo or email us at srf@orchardproperty.com.ph

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SPORTSHOUSE INT'L LEISURE INC.

Is in need of qualified and dynamic individual
to fill the following vacant positions:

ACCOUNTANT

- Female, Preferably single, 25-30 years old
- Possess good moral character
- Willing to work under pressure
- Flexible

ACCOUNTING CLERK

- Female, Preferably single, 25-30 years old
- Accounting graduate
- At least one year working experience
- With pleasing personality

HRD ASSISTANT

- Female, preferably single
- Good communication skills
- At least one year work related experience
- Must be college graduate
- With pleasing personality

DRIVER/HELPER

- Good moral character
- Restriction code 1 2 3
- Willing to work extended hours

Interested applicants may come personally at:
19 PECTON BLDG., GILMORE AVE., NEW MLA., QUEZON CITY
or you may call us at 721-2480/721-5553

Petra

PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT AND TECHNICAL RECRUITMENT AGENCY

Vacancies in Hydraulics Manufacturing Company in Saudi Arabia, an ISO-certified company and pioneers in the field of manufacture, repair and service of hydraulic systems and equipment based in Riyadh needs highly skilled applicants for the following vacancies:

1. **COMPUTER PROGRAMMER**
   with Accounting qualifications, experience and background.
2. **HYDRAULIC ENGINEERS and TECHNICIANS**
   for Hydraulic Cylinders and Hydraulic Pumps.
3. **TURNER/GRINDER/LATHE MACHINE OPERATORS**
   for fabricating, machining, honing various parts and components of hydraulic cylinders, pumps and equipment.
4. **ELECTRICAL ENGINEER or TECHNICIAN**
   for Industrial Lathe Machines and other mechanical experience for factory maintenance.
5. **CYLINDRICAL GRINDING MACHINE OPERATOR**
6. **INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICIAN**
7. **HARD CHROME PLANT OPERATOR**
8. **HYDRAULIC PUMP MECHANICS/TECHNICIANS**
9. **ASSEMBLY TECHNICIAN**
10. **METAL COATING TECHNICIAN**

Applicants for the 1st to the 10th categories must have the academic, technical and professional qualifications and experience. References should also be submitted from reputed companies that applicants have worked in previously. All applicants who have worked in Saudi Arabia or any other Middle Eastern country within the last five years should provide a certificate establishing a clean record of conduct, or, in the alternative, a No Objection Certificate from such employer/s.

Applicants must also be between 25-40 years old, at least Second Year College or its technical/vocational school equivalent; TESDA-skill tested certificate a must, speaks and understand English and medically fit for employment.

Bring NBI Clearance, Passport, Resumé, Diploma, Transcript of Record, job competency certificates, Certificate of Employment, certificates of good moral character from previous employers (local and/or overseas) to:

Personnel Employment & Technical Recruitment Agency
Room 400, Gochangco Building, 610 T.M. Kalaw Street
Ermita, Manila (POEA License No. 222LB-075201-R)

For more information call telephone number 400-3134. Our fax number 302-7003; E-mail address - hiring@petramanpower.com

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NO FEES TO BE COLLECTED • FOR MANPOWER POOLING ONLY
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ACTMEDIA

A leading in-store advertising company is looking for:

GRAPHIC ARTIST

(WITH OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL)

- 3-4 yrs. experience
- independent, proactive, outgoing, enterprising, fast, able to handle multi-tasks

FEMALE STAFF ARTIST

- age 21-25, graduate of Bachelor of Fine Arts
- pref. Major in advertising or visual communication
- computer literate pref. in Photoshop

Pls. submit resumé:

ActMedia Phils. Inc. 1101 Centerpoint Bldg.
J. Vargas Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City
Applicants should come in person for a scheduled briefing (for a test) from Feb. 26 - Mar. 6, 2002, strictly at 10 am or 2 pm only.

GK CORPORATE FASHION (HK) LTD.

IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL:

1) Marketing Staff to do worldwide marketing for corporate wear via Internet, Fax, E-mail

Qualifications:

- Candidates must possess excellent correspondence skills, fluency in spoken and written English, preferred ages 24-26 years old, computer literate, female, single. Minimum 3 years work experience in doing above mentioned duties.
- Graduate of top universities preferred. Must be willing to be assigned overseas, fluency in Mandarin will be an advantage but is not necessary.

2) English Major to teach proper English grammar and pronunciation.

Possessing the same qualifications above.

Submit your resumé with photo through e-mail at:
hr@gkfashion.com.hk

A Multinational Company is in need of:

ONE (1) ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

- ✓ Accounting graduate, preferably CPA
- ✓ Female, 25-30 years old
- ✓ With at least 3 years work experience as Accountant
- ✓ Computer literate
- ✓ With good communication skills and pleasing personality

We offer above industry-standard compensation package.

Send by mail or personally your resumé with picture at:

KITAL PHILIPPINES CORP.
Unit 607, Taipan Place
Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center
Pasig City
E-mail: accounting@kital.com.ph

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

The country's leading newspaper is looking for:

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

- College graduate with background in Journalism or Mass Communication
- 2-4 years experience with at least 1 year as an editorial assistant
- Knowledge in Computer Office and Layouting software Operations
- Proofreading skills, Encoding skills, Writing skills

Mail your application letter, comprehensive resumé to:

HR MANAGEMENT SERVICES HEAD
Philippine Daily Inquirer
Chino Roces Avenue
(formerly Pasong Tamo)
Corner Yague and Mascardo Streets,
Makati City

E-mail: recruitment@inquirer.com.ph

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AN INDUSTRY LEADER
invites applicants with excellent interpersonal and communication skills to fill the following positions:

PART/FULL-TIME LECTURERS
- Honor graduates or teachers of UP, Ateneo, La Salle or board topnotchers; law or medicine students/graduates

PART/FULL-TIME TUTORS
- Graduates/students of UP, Ateneo, La Salle or PSHS
- For Science, Math, and Language subjects--also foreign languages, accounting and computer subjects

PREP TEACHERS
- Has at least 1 year teaching experience
- Pleasant personality
- Preferably a graduate of UP, Ateneo, Miriam or Assumption
- Any Early Childhood Education Courses

DEPARTMENT/BRANCH MANAGERS
- 2 years management experience

MANAGEMENT TRAINEES
- 6 months supervisory or marketing/operations experience

MIS PERSONNEL
DANCE TEACHER
VOICE TEACHER
TAEKWONDO OR JUDO INSTRUCTOR
MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS
STUDENT ASSISTANTS

ACCOUNTANTS
ACCOUNTING CLERK
SECRETARIES
WRITERS AND EDITORS
PROJECT MANAGERS
HR SUPERVISOR

Send your comprehensive resume, transcript of records, and two 2x2 pictures to:

THE HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT
AHEAD LEARNING SYSTEMS, INC.

149 B.GONZALES STREET
LOYOLA HEIGHTS
QUEZON CITY

309 KATIPUNAN AVENUE
LOYOLA HEIGHTS
QUEZON CITY

2/F PROVIDENCE BUILDING
55 ANNAPOLIS STREET
GREENHILLS

4/F PEARL PLAZA,PEARL DRIVE
ORTIGAS CENTER
PASIG CITY

URGENTLY NEEDED

SALES ENGINEER (for Electrical)

- Female not more than 30 years old
- Electrical Eng'g graduate
- 1 to 2 years sales experience preferably selling electrical products like electric motors, motor controls, circuit breakers, distribution panels etc.
- Has a wide client base of Dealers, OEM's, Panel builders & Electrical Contractors
- Having a car is an advantage.
- Willing to travel within the Phils.
- Computer literate is a must

SALES ENGINEER (for Electro-Mechanical)

- Female 25years old and above
- Electrical Engineering graduate
- With at least 3 years experience in the sales of Electrical Equipments i.e. Switchgear, Motor Control Center, Capacitor Bank, MTS, ATS, Panelboards.
- Must be effective in relating with different personalities in communication and interactive skills
- Self-motivated, aggressive and responsible
- Must have drive to meet the sales target and computer literate is an advantage.
- Having a car is an advantage.
- Willing to travel within the Phils.

TECHNICAL ENGINEER

- Female (25-35 years old)
- Preferably an Electrical Engineer graduate
- With 3 years and above experience in electrical equipment i.e. Switchgear, Motor Control Center, Capacitor Bank, Automatic Transfer Switch, and all types of magnetic starter and electrical controls
- Good in communication skills & conceptualization w/ experience in handling engineering projects to include planning and control of all drawings that are due for production
- Must have knowledge in cost estimate & design
- Must have knowledge in computer software such as MS office and AutoCAD

SALES ENGINEER

- Female (25-35 years old)
- Engineering course graduate (Civil / Sanitary)
- With two (2) years working experience
- With pleasing personality, articulate and aggressive and customer-service oriented type of personality
- Must have drive to meet the sales target
- Having a car is an advantage
- Willing to travel within the Phils.
- Computer literate is a must

PRODUCT SPECIALIST

- Female (25-35 years old)
- Architecture / Interior Design / Civil Engineering graduate
- With two (2) years working experience
- With pleasing personality, hardworking and with high caliber sales & marketing individual
- With wide architect / Interior design & Contractor clientele
- Must have drive to meet the sales target
- Having a car is an advantage
- Willing to travel within the Phils.
- Computer literate with AutoCAD knowledge

Qualified candidates may mail/send their updated resume, transcript of records, diploma and recent 2x2 photo to:

PHILMAN COMMERCIAL INC.
HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
310-E P&L Bldg. G Araneta Ave., Brgy. Santol, Quezon City
716-9725 to 31 or email it at ec_tan@vasia.com
INTERVIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND-PHILIPPINES
BUSINESS FELLOWSHIPS

Sponsored by the
Australian-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines, Inc.

FOR YOUNG ACHIEVERS IN AGRICULTURE & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

The Australian-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce (ANZCHAM) is offering an Agricultural Fellowship and an Infrastructure Fellowship to young Filipinos wishing to further their studies in these fields.

The Fellowships are an initiative of ANZCHAM and funded by the various activities of the Chamber.

Each Fellow will receive a travel grant to undertake a short-term study mission which will assist them in their career development, and enable them to undertake specialist training not available locally. An important objective of the Program is to foster the development of business skills in Agriculture and in Infrastructure Development, and for the expertise gained to be passed on to Regions in need in the Philippines.

Applications for the 2002 Australia-New Zealand-Philippines Business Fellowships are invited from:

- Individuals in the workforce who show potential for further development;
- Postgraduate research degree students nearing the completion of their studies.

The Closing date for applications is the 30th May, 2002

Send your applications, bio-data and project proposals for short-term study in Australia or New Zealand to:

Australian-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines, Inc.
7th Floor, Oakwood Premier, Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makati City
Tel.: (632) 755-8840/41; Fax: (632) 755-8843/44

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syngenta

Syngenta Philippines, Inc., formed by the merger of "agribusiness sectors" of Novartis Agro and Zeneca, is the leading supplier of crop protection and seeds products, solutions and services in the country. We also proud ourselves of our very professional and synergistic workforce which add more value to the organization.

As we become bigger and more competitive, the quality of our people is the key to our success. In making this a reality, we are urgently seeking for a high caliber, dynamic and exemplary individual who would assume the position of:

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

(Technical and Development Department)

Responsibilities:

Our candidate is responsible for (1) providing quality administrative support to the Technical and Development Head for the smooth implementation of the Department's plan to ensure the achievement of management objectives; (2) assisting the Product Development and Product Stewardship Officers and Registration Manager in all their administrative and training support needs; and (3) coordinating and ensuring proper implementation of the department's projects and action programs.

Qualification:

- Female, not over 30 years old
- A graduate of any Life Science or Agriculture course from reputable university
- Equipped with at least (2) years experience in general administrative work with strong background on document handling and management
- Possesses excellent communication and analytical skills
- A good team player—effective in inter- and intra-departmental coordination
- Proficient in MS Office and other computer applications.

A rewarding and competitive compensation and benefits package await the successful candidate. Interested parties may send their credentials not later than February 28, 2002 to:

The Human Resource Department
9/F Salcedo Towers, 169 HV Dela Costa Street
Salcedo Village, Makati City

Or email at **team.hr@syngenta.com**
You can also call us through **843-5121** local **7255** or fax us at **817-9862.**

FOR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT

A LEADING MANUFACTURING COMPANY IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL (with at least 1 or 2 years experience):

PERSONNEL MANAGER

(knowledgeable in labor law)

ACCOUNTING CLERK / AUDITOR

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Please apply in person. Bring your resumé and attach a 2"x2" self photograph to:

HR DEPARTMENT
130 4th Street
between 10th & 11th Avenue
Caloocan City 1403

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 NN
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Date: February 27 & 28, 2002

A multi-national company is in need of the ff. positions:

CHEMICAL SALES COORDINATOR

- Female, 20-25 years old, single, B.S. Pharmacy, Chem. Eng'g, Bio-chemistry or any related science course graduate
- Accommodating walk-in clients and answering phone-in product inquiry
- In charge in sales data management
- Previous experience in working with any Chemicals Textile company is an asset

INDUSTRIAL SALES SUPERVISOR

- Male, not more than 35 years of age, graduate of any 4-year Chemistry course
- Previous experience in Industrial Chemicals, and/or Food Industry
- Excellent negotiation and communication skills
- With extensive exposure in managing people
- At least 3 years working experience and knowledge in Sales and Marketing

STOCK CONTROLLERS

- Male, 20-25 years old, single, College graduate of any 4-year course
- Will handle jobs in stocks receiving, repacking, segregating and dispatching of items to customers and delivery trucks
- Maintaining the required quantity stock level of all items
- With or without experience in warehousing works

TEXTILE PRINTING SALES AGENT

- Male/Female not more than 40 years of age, w/good moral character
- Knowledge in screen making preparation of colors, stretching, exposing stencil development are an advantage
- Preferably with background in handling table/machines printers

Interested applicants may send their resumé, recent photo & transcript of records to:

Fax No. 361-6517 or call 363-1143

WANTED IMMEDIATELY

ACCOUNTING CLERK

Qualifications:

☑ Graduate of BS Accountancy
☑ Must be computer literate
☑ Not more than 28 years old
☑ Must be of good moral character

Please apply in person and bring credentials and recent 2x2 photo at:

Center for Educational Measurement, Inc.
6/F Concorde Condominium
200 Benavides St. cor. Salcedo St.
Legaspi Village, Makati City
Tel. Nos. 818-6129 / 818-6538
8:00 AM / 1:00 PM
Look for Ms. Wilma Coprado

Taters

FOR IMMEDIATE HIRING

ACCOUNTANT
-CPA, male/female, single, 25 to 35 yrs
- w/ experience in general accounting using computerized acctg system

MARKETING ASST
-male/female, single, 22 to 30 yrs
-college graduate, computer literate
-good communication skills

STORE SUPERVISORS
-male/female, single, 25 to 35 yrs
-college graduate, computer literate
-w/ experience as supervisor in a restaurant/food chain

STOCK CLERKS
-male, single, 22 to 30 yrs
-college graduate, computer literate
-w/ experience in a food chain

ACCOUNTING CLERKS
-male/ female, single, 22 to 30 yrs
-Accountancy graduate
-computer literate

PURCHASING CLERK
-male/female, single, 22 to 30 yrs
-college graduate, computer literate
-w/ experience in a food chain

CASHIERS
-male/female, single, 22 to 30 yrs
-college graduate, computer literate
- w/ experience in a food chain
-proficient in English

SERVICE CREWS (for Alabang)
-male/female, single, 20 to 25 yrs
-at least 2nd yr college
-proficient in English

Apply in person w/bio-data, 2x2 pictures, NBI clearance, transcript, medical, Mon to Sat from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at:

Taters Enterprises, Inc. 2004 Cityland Pasong Tamo Tower
2210 Don Chino Roces Ave. (Pasong Tamo), Makati City

A Fastest Growing Company engaged in the supply and distribution of Data, Power, Wireless and Telecom Solution is looking for career-oriented people to fill up the following position for immediate employment:

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES (3)

To be responsible for the promotion and sales of company's products:

- Male/Female 21-30 years old
- College Graduate/Minimum of 4-year course
- Good in oral/written communication
- Can work with less supervision
- Minimum of 1-2 years in the field of Sales/Marketing (Fresh graduates may also apply)

SR. SALES EXECUTIVE (1)

To be responsible for his/her team in the promotion and sales of company's products:

- Male/Female 25-30 years old
- College graduate; Minimum of 4 year course
- Good in oral/written communication
- Highly committed and dedicated, capable of adding value to his/her work and strong team player of the sales team
- Articulate, strong sense of responsibility, honest and hardworking
- Can bring competitive results in line with the business objective
- Can handle at least 3-4 sales executives
- Minimum 3-5 years in the field of Sales/Marketing
- Selling experience on power, wireless and datacom products an advantage

Applicants are requested to send their application letter, comprehensive resume with recent 2x2 picture and transcript of records to:

ATMI
The Personnel Department
#335 G/F AGCOR Building, Katipunan Avenue, Loyola Heights, Quezon City
E-mail: malc_atm@I-manila.com.ph

A specialty Engineering & Construction Company with industry leaders as clients needs:

MARKETING ENGINEERS

Applicants should have:
- Solid background in sales
- Preferably at least three years experience in sales of Cleanroom and computer room construction materials and equipment
- Good communication & inter-personal skills
- A team player & highly motivated

Successful applicants awaits:
- A chance to a fulfilling career in Managerial Position & unlimited income.

Interested parties may submit Personal Profile to:

PHIL. SEORA, INC.
Office Address: Suite-21C, 21st Floor,
Rufino Pacific Tower, 6784
Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Telephone Nos. 811-0502 / 811-0504
Contact: **Ms. Morena Abanes** for an interview

JOB OPENINGS in QUEZON CITY

We are looking for:

- **Hardworking and aggressive men and women**
- **Between 20 to 35 years old**
- **At least college level**
- **With pleasing personality & conversant in English/Filipino**
- **Willing to undergo extensive training**
- **With or without experience**
- **An attractive compensation (MONTHLY INCOME: P30,000 - P50,000) & travel packages await successful applicants!**

*** We are also in need of applicants for the following positions ***

- **Acctng Clerks**
- **Data Encoders**
- **Promodizers**
- **Cust. Svc. Staff**
- **Telemarketers**
- **Drivers/Mechanics**

(Applicants for Office Personnel must be a college graduate, female, 20-25 years old and for Driver/Mechanics: 25-40 years old, physically fit)

Interested applicants may apply personally
in business attire with resumé and latest 2x2 picture
on February 26 to March 1, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
at Suite 208 Bencom Pacific Building,
#146 West Avenue, Quezon City
(infront of RCBC near SM North Edsa)

PRONTO EXPRESS DISTRIBUTION, INC.

an expanding moving, forwarding, courier and consolidator company is in need of the following:

CREDIT & COLLECTION IN-CHARGE

- Male, 25 to 30 years old
- Must be an Accounting Graduate
- Computer literate
- Must have an experience on credit & collection
- Hardworking and willing to work long hours

3 - CUSTOMER SERVICE

- Male, 25 to 30 years old
- Graduate of a 4-year Course
- Computer literate
- Hardworking and willing to work long hours
- Good communication skills both written & oral
- One to two years experience as customer service

DOCUMENTATION CLERK

- Male, 25 to 30 years old
- Graduate of a 4-year Course
- Computer literate
- Hardworking and willing to work long hours
- Good communication skills both written & oral

APPLICANTS MAY SEND THEIR COMPREHENSIVE RESUMÉ WITH PICTURE TO:

THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT
G/F DOÑA POTENCIANA BUILDING
#1195-C PASONG TAMO COR. YAKAL STS.
MAKATI CITY, 1200

OR SEND THRU OUR E-MAIL ADDRESS:
pronexdi@philonline.com

PEAC needs:

8 FINANCE ASSISTANTS

- ☐ Two (2) for Clark Field, Pampanga; preferably Pampanga residents
- ☐ Six (6) for Manila
- ☐ Good communication skills
- ☐ Proficient in Microsoft Excel & Word
- ☐ Accounting major, Preferably CPA
- ☐ Experience is an advantage
- ☐ Male or Female, not more than 27 years old, preferably single

1 RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY

- ☐ Male or Female, 21-25 years old
- ☐ Graduate of any four (4)-year course
- ☐ Work experience is an advantage, with pleasing personality
- ☐ Proficient in Microsoft Excel & Word
- ☐ For Clark Field Pampanga; Preferably Pampanga resident

1 DRIVER

- ☐ Male 23-27 years old
- ☐ 3-5 years experience
- ☐ With Professional driver's license
- ☐ At least High School graduate
- ☐ For Clark Field Pampanga; preferably Pampanga resident

Please hand carry your resumé with recent 2x2 picture and school transcript of records on **February 26-28, 2002** at:

PACIFIC EAST ASIA CARGO AIRLINES, INC.
at 2nd Floor International Cargo Terminal Bldg.,
NAIA Complex, Pasay City.

HIRING ON GOING

For Manpower Pooling
(Local Employment)

All applicants for deployment/ assignment to respective employers-clients

Factory Workers (male & female)
Hotel Personnels (male & female)
Family & Company Drivers (male & female - valid driver's license)
Restaurant Cooks, Waiters, Waitress, Kitchen Staff-worker (male & female)
Food Chains Service Crews, Waiters/Resscounter Personnel, Kitchen Staff-worker (male & female)
Messengerial and Liaison Staffs for Banks and other companies (male & female)
Construction workers for various positions (male & female)
Salesman & Saleslady for malls, dept. stores and supermarkets (male & female)
Bagger, Promodizer, Merchandizer for various product manufacturers (male & female)
Janitorial, Messengerial, Maintenance workers for various companies (male & female), 18-28 years old with experience
Sales & Marketing Personnel for different companies (male & female)
Managerial and Executive positions for various companies (male & female)
Household help with good background (male & female)
Management trainee/s and OJTs also accepted (male & female)

EMPLOYED OR NOT EMPLOYED MAY APPLY AT:

PARTOLINS MANPOWER & EMPLOYMENT AGENCY
Unit 19 Cluster 12, Bliss Flexihomes Rosario, Pasig City
Telephone: (632) 656-2403 connecting all departments

DOLE LICENSE NO.: M-02-00-031

PROVINCIAL APPLICANTS ARE ALSO WELCOME

URGENT: LIAISON OFFICER/MESSENGER
(male, 20-30 years S or M, exp. POEA, DOLE, OWWA, SEC, DFA, EMBASSIES, AIRLINES

MOF COMPANY, INC., a leading transport service company engaged in general shipping operations, is URGENTLY in need of dynamic and energetic professionals to occupy the following positions:

LINE MANAGERS

- Male/Female not more than 36 years old
- Graduate of Marketing or any Business course from a reputable college/university
- Must have at least 2 years sales experience preferably in shipping or forwarding
- Preferably with managerial/supervisory experience
- Excellent leadership skills and highly-motivated
- Computer literate

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES

- Male/Female, 21-26 years old
- Graduate of Marketing or any Business course from a reputable college/university
- With pleasing & dynamic personality, excellent communication skills
- People oriented, self-motivated and willing to do field work
- With professional driver's license
- Recent graduates are welcome to apply
- Computer literate

ACCOUNTANT

- Male/Female, not more than 30 years old
- BS Accountancy Graduate
- Certified Public Accountant
- With good command, both oral & written, of the English language
- Good Leadership qualities, highly motivated & can work under pressure
- Computer literate.

(Previous Applicants Need Not Apply)
Qualified applicants are requested to mail/handcarry their resumé with 2x2 photo and proof of scholastic records not later than March 8, 2002 at:

MOF COMPANY, INC.
2nd Floor, CTC Bldg., 2232 Roxas Blvd., Pasay City
(Please look for Butch/Lanie - Personnel Dept.)
Tel. Nos. 831-8721 loc. 505/551-7530

or Email thru
thims@hanjin.com

RAKSO AIR TRAVEL & TOURS, INC.

We are in need of Filipinos who can speak Korean Language for the following positions:

AIRPORT REPRESENTATIVE

INBOUND TOUR GUIDES

(pref. DOT accredited)

Qualifications:

1. Not more than 40 years old
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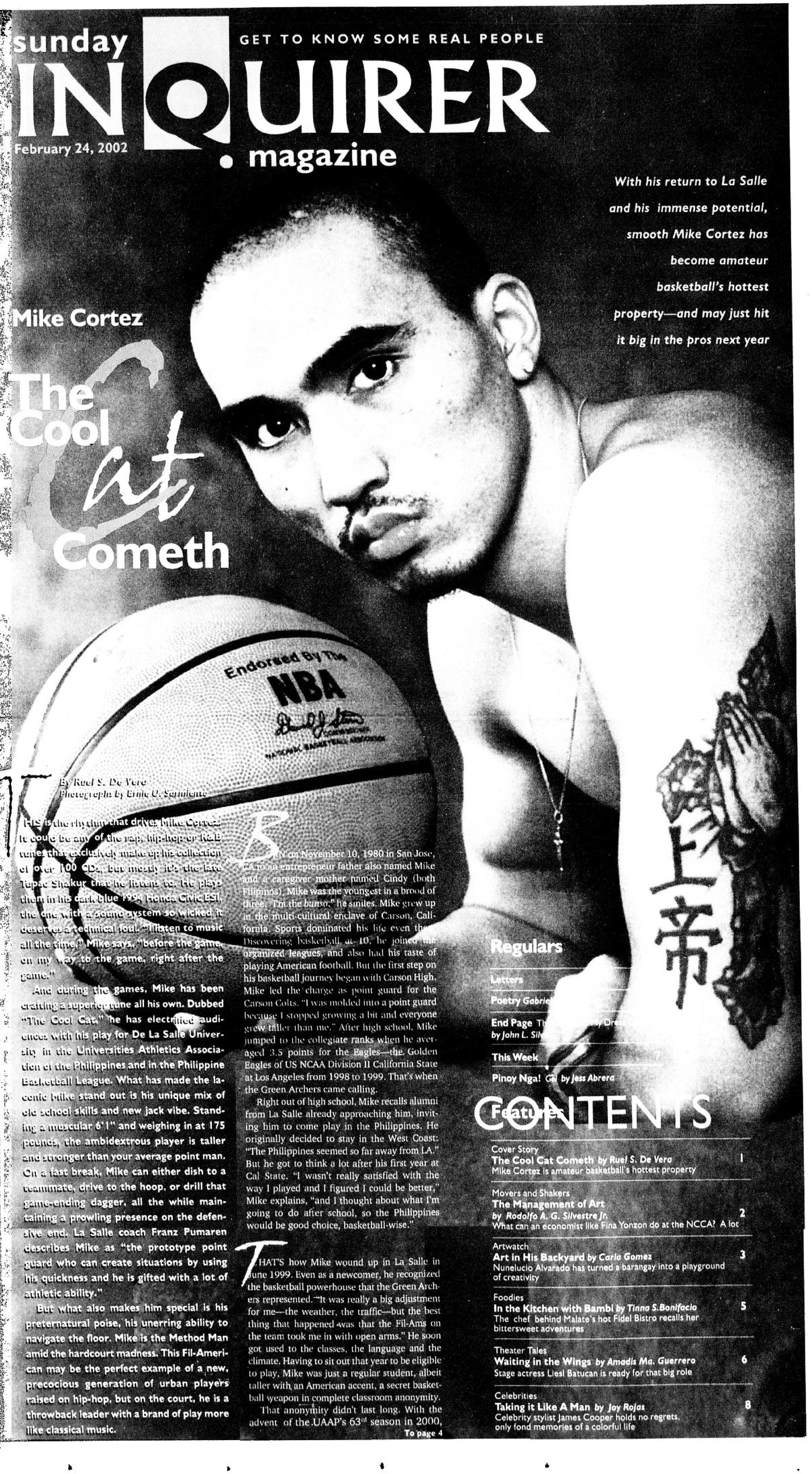

With his return to La Salle and his immense potential, smooth Mike Cortez has become amateur basketball's hottest property—and may just hit it big in the pros next year

Mike Cortez

The Cool Cat Cometh

By Ruel S. De Vera
Photographs by Ernie U. Sarmiento

THIS is the rhythm that drives Mike Cortez. It could be any of the rap, hip-hop or R&B tunes that exclusively make up his collection of over 100 CDs, but mostly it's the late Tupac Shakur that he listens to. He plays them in his dark blue 1994 Honda Civic ESI, the one with a sound system so wicked it deserves a technical foul. "I listen to music all the time," Mike says, "before the game, on my way to the game, right after the game."

And during the games, Mike has been crafting a superior tune all his own. Dubbed "The Cool Cat," he has electrified audiences with his play for De La Salle University in the Universities Athletics Association of the Philippines and in the Philippine Basketball League. What has made the laconic Mike stand out is his unique mix of old school skills and new jack vibe. Standing a muscular 6'1" and weighing in at 175 pounds, the ambidextrous player is taller and stronger than your average point man. On a fast break, Mike can either dish to a teammate, drive to the hoop, or drill that game-ending dagger, all the while maintaining a prowling presence on the defensive end. La Salle coach Franz Pumaren describes Mike as "the prototype point guard who can create situations by using his quickness and he is gifted with a lot of athletic ability."

But what also makes him special is his preternatural poise, his unerring ability to navigate the floor. Mike is the Method Man amid the hardcourt madness. This Fil-American may be the perfect example of a new, precocious generation of urban players raised on hip-hop, but on the court, he is a throwback leader with a brand of play more like classical music.

BORN on November 10, 1980 in San Jose, CA to an entrepreneur father also named Mike and a caregiver mother named Cindy (both Filipinos), Mike was the youngest in a brood of three. "I'm the *bunso*," he smiles. Mike grew up in the multi-cultural enclave of Carson, California. Sports dominated his life even th[illegible] Discovering basketball at 10, he joined the organized leagues, and also had his taste of playing American football. But the first step on his basketball journey began with Carson High. Mike led the charge as point guard for the Carson Colts. "I was molded into a point guard because I stopped growing a bit and everyone grew taller than me." After high school, Mike jumped to the collegiate ranks when he averaged 3.5 points for the Eagles—the Golden Eagles of US NCAA Division II California State at Los Angeles from 1998 to 1999. That's when the Green Archers came calling.

Right out of high school, Mike recalls alumni from La Salle already approaching him, inviting him to come play in the Philippines. He originally decided to stay in the West Coast: "The Philippines seemed so far away from LA." But he got to think a lot after his first year at Cal State. "I wasn't really satisfied with the way I played and I figured I could be better," Mike explains, "and I thought about what I'm going to do after school, so the Philippines would be good choice, basketball-wise."

THAT'S how Mike wound up in La Salle in June 1999. Even as a newcomer, he recognized the basketball powerhouse that the Green Archers represented. "It was really a big adjustment for me—the weather, the traffic—but the best thing that happened was that the Fil-Ams on the team took me in with open arms." He soon got used to the classes, the language and the climate. Having to sit out that year to be eligible to play, Mike was just a regular student, albeit taller with an American accent, a secret basketball weapon in complete classroom anonymity.

That anonymity didn't last long. With the advent of the UAAP's 63rd season in 2000,

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Movers and Shakers

By Rodolfo A.G. Silvestre Jr.

The Management of Creativity

What can an economist like Fina Yonzon do at the NCCA? A lot, especially when you know how to encourage creativity in Filipino artists and artisans

NO REPUTATION precedes Ma. Fina Yonzon, executive director of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA). No reputation precedes her, except that she was supposedly plucked out of an agency that had nothing to do with arts and culture. And that hardly makes sense in the world of poets and sculptors and historians.

The petite 40-year-old is a cum laude graduate of business economics from the University of the Philippines. She went to the University of Southern California for her MBA, with majors in entrepreneurship and international finance. Still, one is left asking, what is she doing at the National Commission for Culture and the Arts?

The easy answer, as she herself puts it, is that they offered her the position. "I wasn't looking for a job, I had my hands full as officer-in-charge of the Small Business Guarantee and Finance Corporation."

The difficult answer is a long story. Fina had been asked sometime in July last year if she was interested in joining the NCCA as executive director. "'But why me?,' I asked them. Their explanation was, the NCCA works differently. That artists and cultural workers serve in various committees and subcommissions."

Despite her apprehensions, and "being a little bit indifferent, in the sense that I neither liked nor disliked the job," she submitted her resume for consideration. A few weeks after, she was informed of her election by the NCCA Board of Commissioners, its highest governing body, in response to a letter from President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

Then incumbent Chairman Jaime Laya invited her for breakfast. He then briefed her, and finally brought her to the NCCA and introduced her around. For a week, in September, she and Virgilio Almario worked out a smooth transition phase, and then she was on her own.

For a month, she had a "crash course" on Philippine arts and culture. "I tried to get hold of everything I could about the subject. One month is definitely not enough, but it gave me a good grasp of the sector."

Fina is no stranger to government service, having worked after college with the Board of Investments under its junior management program. "I was involved with the Export Development program. We were in charge of non-traditional exports including toys, garments, houseware and gifts, including novelty items created by ethnic groups."

Then, she was assigned to the Regional Development Group, giving her the opportunity to visit the regional centers. This initial exposure to her fellow Filipinos would expand as she became involved in microfinancing and came in contact with "families hoping to be self-reliant through entrepreneurship."

By 1997, she had become executive director of the Philippine Trade Training Center, which helped exporters and potential exporters through training and upgrading programs. "We taught them how to participate in trade fairs and missions. But above all these, we tried to make them realize that products for both export and domestic consumption should have equally outstanding quality."

BETOY JOHNSON

In 2000, she was appointed officer in charge of the Small Business Guarantee and Finance Corporation. After 18 months at that post, she was asked to join the NCCA.

Fina brought with her the same management style that put her in good stead with former co-workers. "I'm a kind of person who encourages a lot of participation. And I was glad to know that's how the NCCA works, with the artists and cultural workers themselves and their representatives sharing their inputs."

What she has heard of the so-called artistic temperament does not faze her. "These are all stereotypes. I am, of course, aware that creativity requires a certain nurturing. But you also find certain quirks among businessmen and those working in the corporate world."

Although her main concern would be the day-to-day operation of the NCCA secretariat, she is also expected to "do my share in firming up and improving whatever the guidelines and procedures are. I believe we have to relate arts and culture to the people's livelihood. A lot of our young no longer want to engage in the same crafts their elders have practised because they see no future in them."

She cautions, though, that "we have to be sensitive to their traditions. Let us not commercialize what should not be commercialized. But where there are opportunities for sustainable livelihood, we should give our all-out support."

For one who was initially reluctant to submit her resumé, Fina seems to have taken root in her new home. It would be wrong, though, to assume that this lady does not appreciate the arts at all. Fina collects the recordings of the Bolipata brothers, regularly watches Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA) plays, and appreciates works by H.R. Ocampo, Manny Garibay and Lito Yonzon. She also likes Lino Brocka movies and collects Filipiniana books. Throughout her elementary years at Saint Mary's College, she took piano lessons and had her share of the "foot ruler treatment" from her teacher. And in college, she was once a member of the UP Concert Chorus.

Under Fina, the NCCA will be focusing on heritage conservation and preservation. "But we're also aware of the need to educate our partners. That's why the NCCA established the Institute for Cultural and Arts Management (ICAM), to provide our artistic and cultural workers and managers the knowledge and expertise they need.

"And, of course, NCCA too plays a key role in cultural education, having absorbed this responsibility from the Department of Education. Now, we're moving toward educating educators themselves as well as our local government heads and staff."

Indeed, Fina isn't about to shirk from the work she has to do, even on relatively unfamiliar turf. "I've moved from one agency to another, and I always had to learn something new. I know I have a long way to go, but the nice part is I'm having fun learning."

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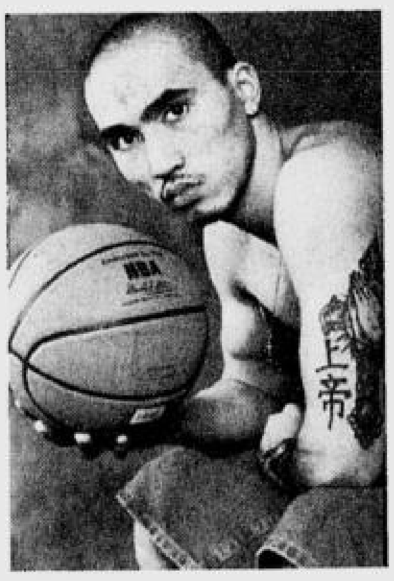

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The Cool Cat Mike Cortez is amateur basketball's hottest property
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THE FACE BEHIND THE PHOTO

FINALLY a magazine has decided to feature the photographer behind one of the 20th century's most lasting images! ("FreezeFame," **SIM**, 27 January 2002)I have seen the famous Mt. Pinatubo picture in countless publications and the riveting image has been embedded in my mind ever since. However, I knew nothing about its photographer, though I've always known he is a Filipino. That is, until your January 27 issue came out. At least now, I can match the face with the name Albert Garcia. Congratulations, Mr. Garcia, for your doggedness in pursuing your interest in photography, and for proving that indeed, the Filipino could be at par with the world's best. Kudos, too, to Mr. Ruel De Vera for his skill with the written word, without which the country would not have discovered the inspiring story behind the photograph. Indeed, it is high time we were introduced to this talented Filipino named Albert Garcia.

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HOORAY FOR JERICHO

CONGRATS for featuring Mr. Jericho Rosales in your Sunday Inquirer issue ("Hunk with Heart," **SIM**, 3 February 2002). He is a versatile actor especially in his role as Angelo in "*Pangako sa Yo.*" He will be the next Christopher de Leon of Philippine cinema.

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GREAT feature on Jericho ("Hunk with Heart," **SIM**, 3 February 2002). I hope you could feature the other hunks also. I was wondering why the issue on Echo's love child never surfaced again. Was it arranged that he was never asked that question? It's been more than a year but the issue was never really talked about.

Thank you and more power.

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THAT was a nice cover story you did on Jericho ("Hunk with Heart," **SIM**, 3 February 2002). I hope you had more pictures of him there. And next time please do Tin and Echo *naman*. Thanks!

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WRONG PIZZA

THIS is in reference to the cover story you ran on actor Jericho Rosales ("Hunk with Heart," **SIM**, 3 February 2002). We appreciate very much the fact that you mentioned Mr. Carlos Agassi in the second paragraph of your article, which reads, "think Richard Gomez and McDonald's, Carlos Agassi and Pizza Hut – what is it with fastfood and beefcake?"

However, we would like to clarify that Mr. Agassi is not in any way connected with Pizza Hut. Mr. Agassi is Shakey's celebrity endorser, and he has been representing Shakey's since March last year. Pizza Hut, meanwhile, is represented by another actor.

I hope this letter rectifies early impressions about Mr. Agassi and the pizza restaurant chain he endorses.

Thank you very much and more power.

VICKY S. RAS
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for Kuya Ed

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But I always imagined that you were full
Of jewels dancing the waltz,
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All my enemies into frogs—
But I never knew. I never knew.
Your lid is locked—
And you have thrown away the key.

Gabriela Lee

Artwatch

By Carla Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau
Photographs by Melvyn Calderon

Art in His Backyard

NUNELUCIO Alvarado, the colorful and outspoken Bacolod painter, is an artist with a cause, having achieved fame for portraying the pain of the working masses in his paintings.

But his activism does not stop there. He also works at involving rural communities in using art as a means of expressing freedom, boosting livelihood and, most creatively, protecting the environment. The work has gone back as far as his seminal involvement in such groups as the Black Artists of Asia and Pintor Kulapol, groups which have encouraged the involvement of artists in the community where they live and work.

This month, the Association of Sagay Artists, which Alvarado heads, together with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the City Government of Sagay, is holding an art festival called *"Duta, Tubig, Hangin"* (Earth, Water, Wind).

The festival, which began Feb. 20 and runs until the 28th, is the group's answer to the NCCA's declaration of February as National Arts Month, Alvarado says.

He calls the art festival in Barangay Fabrica, Sagay, a community of about 8,000 people, "an honest-to-goodness tribute to the good perfumed ground, to the rippling clarity of the water, and to the willowy freedom of the earth."

About five campsites will be set up where artists and members of the community will work at designing kites (which will be flown to symbolize freedom), *"trumpos"* (tops), *"kadangs"* (stilts) and *bancas* to sell, Alvarado says. "This way the community's artistic capabilities will not only be drawn out, but their means to earn will be enhanced," Alvarado says. "By making *bancas,* for example, participants will be taught to help clean the river. The festival will help them make their art and crafts a means to augment their income." Artists can set up their work at sites of their choice, making Sagay a humongous playground where artists and the common folk will be flying kites, spinning tops, walking around on sticks and planting trees along the riverbanks.

Putting up installation art in the community using available materials and waste will also be part of the festival, Alvarado says. The festival goes beyond countryside art, because it will be used as a vehicle for environmental awareness.

A port has also been built where painted boats with carved woodwork and bamboo rafts can dock, Alvarado adds.

Art critic Alice Guillermo will be among the speakers at the festival, while Alan Rivera and Danny Solista will conduct workshops on installation art and terra cota and casting, respectively.

Bobby Valenzuela, Manila-based friend of resident artists, will also initiate interaction for an open forum, Alvarado says.

Alvarado says his background as an artist comes from his association with the Left in his younger years. His commitment toward social struggle is expressed in his art pieces, which have become famous as dramatic social statements, and for the pain expressed on the faces of the *sacadas* (migrant seasonal workers in the sugar industry).

Today, his activism is channeled toward helping the community by using art as a vehicle toward improving their livelihood, cleaning up the environment and expressing the need for freedom.

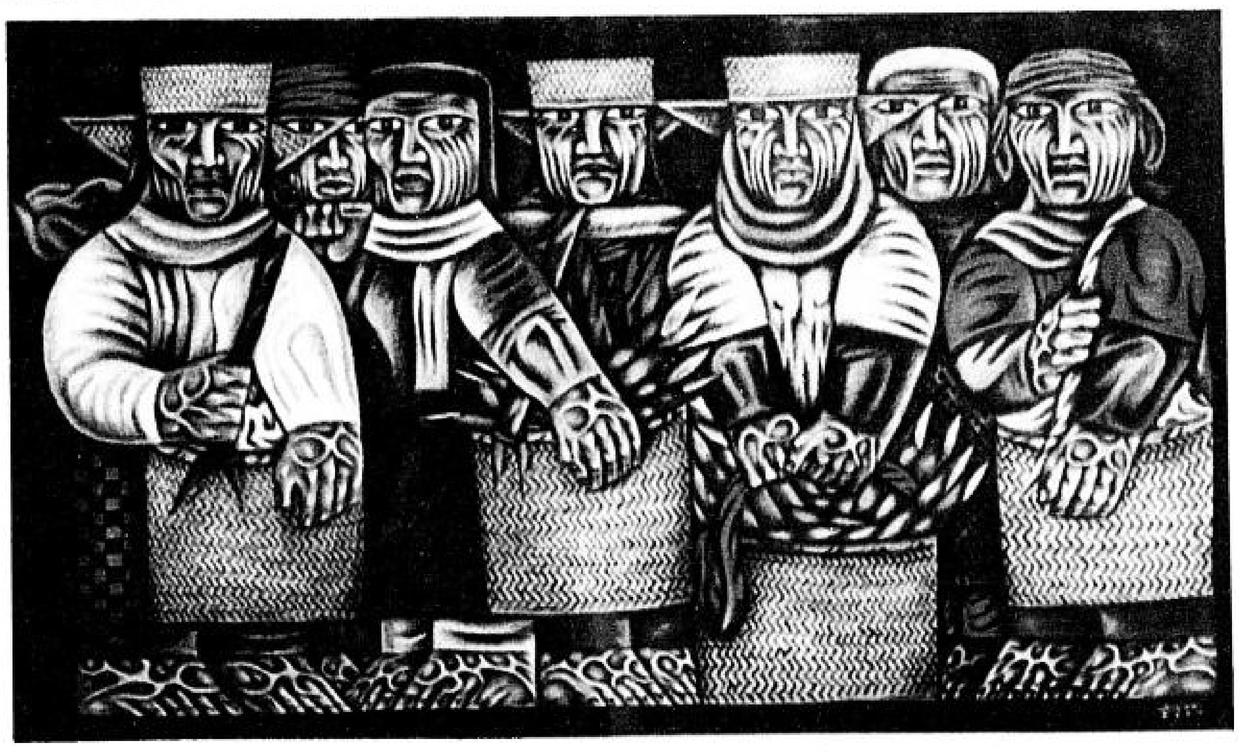
Alvarado was one of the 13 artist awardees of the Cultural Center of the Philippines in 1992, and won the Philip Morris Asian Art Award in 1997 and 1999. He has exhibited in Japan, Australia and many other local and international venues.

Alvarado's art is well-known not only in Negros but in other parts of the country, including Manila and Cebu. He calls Negros home, however; he lives there with wife Sally and their six children – Nopamy, 28, Nonito, 27, Nelia, 25, Bogie, 23, Nuklar, 19 and Nonaliza, 14. Three of them, Nonito, Bogie and Nuklar, are already following in their father's footsteps as artists with a cause.

"Duta, Tubig, Hangin" *runs until Feb. 28 in Barangay Fabrica, Sagay, Negros Occidental.*

Nunelucio Alvarado has long been using art to turn people on to such issues as livelihood and the environment. This week, the acclaimed Bacolod painter has helped turn a barangay in Sagay, Negros Occidental into an artists' playground

Alvarado and artists from Cebu and Sagay, above; at right, Alvarado's grandkids paint kites that will later take flight



Alvarado's "*Dumaan Babayi,*" oil on canvas, 2001, in his formidable signature style, above; "Wings and Prayers," forest installation in Sagay by visiting Australian artist Jaki Fleet, left

Mike...

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Mike took the league by storm. "It was a big thing, keeping up La Salle's winning tradition." Together with red hot sniper Ren Ren Ritualo, Mike was instrumental that year, earning him a slot in the Mythical Five and the Rookie of the Year award. His advantages in height and demeanor enabled him to become a Master P—that's Master Point guard—in the UAAP. "As a rookie, all I wanted to do was play my best. I was just going with the flow." That flow led to the UAAP crown.

It was during that year that he also got his feline moniker. Sportscaster Mico Halili remembers being so impressed with Mike that he wanted to give him a nickname. Mike jokingly suggested "Mr. Clean." But Mico had a better idea. "The way Mike would calmly shift gears on the break and zigzag through a gang of defenders with that misleading blank look on his face reminded me of a frisky yet Cool Cat." "The ironic thing," Mike laughs, "is that I'm allergic to cats."

WHAT he isn't allergic to is winning. With Mike starting for the Green Archers, La Salle wound up facing off the 64th UAAP finals against archrival Ateneo. With the series brought to a deciding third game, the Cool Cat dropped 23 points on the Blue Eagles, and together with Ritualo, was named Finals co-MVP. Along the way, Mike averaged 10 points, four rebounds, was fourth in steals and led the UAAP in assists with 6.2 per game. Though he looks intimidating on the floor, Mike's game is less Bone Thugs and a lot more Harmony, with him having received the UAAP's Sportsmanship Award for his calm court personality, which he took with him to the PBL. Starting for the International Container Terminal Services, Inc. Archers, a team made up mostly of past and current Green Archers, Mike duplicated his college statistics and helped elevate ICTSI from also-rans to bona fide contenders.

The Cool Cat calls the plays for the Archers in the PBL

Mike received another huge boost when then national team coach Ron Jacobs revealed that Mike was on Jacobs' wish list. Even though the team would be changed after Jacobs was hospitalized, Mike is still quite happy for the chance: "I was honored just to be considered, happy to just be able to try out."

He also loved playing for La Salle, which is why many were surprised when he suddenly announced that he would be forgoing his final year at La Salle and applying for the Philippine Basketball Association draft. "It was a career choice," Mike says of his initial decision to reach for the pros, "but it was a difficult choice because I owed La Salle so much." Scrimmaging with the superstars in the national team tryouts made Mike wonder how he would do in the PBA. In late December, with several teams salivating over the prospect of drafting Mike into their backcourts, Mike declared for the draft. But there was a hitch. "We applied late but still had a chance. My papers were at the Department of Justice, already for signature," he clarifies, "but it didn't get done in time because there were a lot of other Fil-Ams applying." With the shot clock on his papers running out, Mike was dropped from the list of players eligible for drafting and did not participate in the January 13 pro draft.

"I'm not at all disappointed," he explains, "because it gives me a chance to close out my playing years for La Salle." The Green Archers, with their star guard in tow, will now aim their arrows at a possible fifth straight UAAP title. Mike says he's learned something from the experience: "I've seen that I need to polish certain parts of my game, and I'll be ready next year." This final year in the amateur ranks will also help him work towards his BS Recreational Management degree at La Salle. Pumaren, who also coaches the ICTSI Archers, believes Mike will come out of it for the better. "It's good for him to stay one more year to mature and polish his skills, in the process becoming an even better all around player, plus, there's no substitute for experience."

Away from the game, the laid-back Mike admits to being a homebody. He lives alone, and spends a lot of time on his Sony Playstation 2 console. Mike's favorite NBA player is Philadelphia slasher Allen Iverson.

An early riser, Mike likes lifting weights whenever he can. Pumaren adds that Mike leads by example and works hard in practice, never slacking off during the daily grind. But what this Cool Cat lives for is game day. Though he eschews game-time superstition, Mike does scrawl the occasional phrase or word on his shoes when he feels like expressing himself. During a recent PBL game, he wrote the word "Truth." The moment he pulls up those tube socks and laces up those size 11 And 1 Mad Game Mids, however, he seems to move into a space reserved for those chosen by the basketball gods. "When it's a big game, it's just different and I tend to lose myself in it, playing harder," he notes. "If I don't give one hundred percent, then I'm not respecting the other team, so I leave it all on the floor."

FOR now, Mike is going back to school and getting ready to lace his shoes up again for one last hurrah with the Green Archers, even as the pro league looms in the horizon. Halili thinks he'll have a good career: "He has the size and the smarts to make an impact as a point guard in the PBA. What he has shown so far in the UAAP and the PBL is just the tip of the iceberg, or his whiskers." Pumaren also believes that Mike's career will continue on its upward path: "Mike's potential is unlimited and by next year, I think he will be among the top three picks in the draft."

Mike continues to pick up the tempo, finishing the PBL Challenge Cup named to the Second Mythical Team and chosen as Best Newcomer. Meanwhile, the pro league awaits in January. The PBA remains Mike's long-term target and in the relentless Darwinism of Philippine basketball, he may just be the next dominant species to emerge in the evolution of the Pinoy game. "I want to make a name for myself playing basketball and I've started on the right track," Mike Cortez states. "It goes beyond just playing. I want to be successful as a basketball player and leave my mark on the game." Q

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Foodies

By Tinna S. Bonifacio

In the Kitchen with Bambi

The young chef and consultant behind Malate's hot Fidel Bistro and proprietor of her very own catering company has studied and worked both here and abroad. Here are some of her bitter-sweet adventures in the business she loves

NO, THIS is not about Disney's cute little deer getting lost in the kitchen. It's about a chef named Bambi and the funny and not-so-funny things that happened on her way there.

One of the not-so-funny things, says Bambi Sy Gobio, was experiencing discrimination for the first time. She was applying for a position as pastry chef at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto, Canada. "This Canadian woman – the hotel's executive pastry chef – took one look at my resume, and said, 'You went to CIA (the Culinary Institute of America)? You're from the Philippines? You actually have a BS degree? I'm surprised you're not a maid.'"

Educated at the University of the Philippines, Bambi belongs to a well-to-do Filipino-Chinese family in Manila, traveled extensively, spoke fluent English, and finished her Hotel and Restaurant Administration course in three and a half years instead of the usual four. After college, Bambi left for New York and further studies at the Culinary Institute of America where she spent another two years. Some of these facts, the woman was unaware of; the others—like Bambi's BS HRA degree and CIA diploma—she chose to ignore. "She couldn't believe I was educated," says Bambi.

Despite the unfortunate experience, Bambi forced herself to finish the demo (a practical exam to demonstrate her culinary skills). "I made the dessert, but half-heartedly," recalls Bambi. "After what she said, I just lost interest in the whole thing. She must have noticed, because she said, 'You're acting like you don't even want to be here.' Naturally, I didn't get the job."

Next, she went to work for an Italian chef who had the habit of being too affectionate with his female co-workers. One day, while they were working in the kitchen, he sidled up to Bambi and stuck his tongue in her ear. Bambi was horrified. "That was too much. I couldn't take it, so I left!" She applied at the nearby Four Seasons Hotel. The Italian chef, probably hurt by Bambi's rejection and sudden defection, phoned the Executive Chef of the Four Seasons and told him not to hire her. "When I told him (the Italian chef) I was moving to the Four Seasons, he was so angry he called the other hotel's executive chef, told him I was such a bitch and that I shouldn't be hired." The joke was on him. Three weeks after that tongue-in-ear incident, Bambi landed the job with the Four Seasons Hotel. She never heard from her tormentor again.

Bambi and her Mixed Green Salad with Black Cherry Balsamic Vinaigrette, Toasted Pistachios and Dried Cranberries, and her famous Chocolate Dementia Cake

When her mother Lourdes contracted breast cancer, Bambi finally decided to give up on her American dream and come home. She flew back and forth four times, and, on one of those trips home, set up Arcane Cuisine. Through Arcane Cuisine, Bambi does private catering and accepts orders for her various specialties. Bambi also works as a food consultant for Fidel, a French-Moroccan restaurant located in the artsy and fashionable district of Malate. Her specialties include the famous Chocolate Dementia Cake, Carrot Cake, Moroccan tea, sweets, Duck Rilettes (duck paté), Croque Monsieur (with fried Swiss cheese), Bouillabaisse (seafood stew), and Pistachio-Apricot Tart. She only requires a day's notice for most orders.

Last year, Bambi decided to settle in the Philippines for good. "I had to come home. I couldn't stand the winters abroad anymore. The worst winters I experienced, the temperature dropped to minus 45 degrees!" Leaving Canada was not an easy decision for her to make. Aside from the friends she'd made, there was her boyfriend of eight years, a consultant for Mitsubishi Corporation. Neither of them wanted to break up, so they flew to Asia together. The fact that Bambi's boyfriend is in the trading business made it easier. "Now, he just flies wherever his business takes him," says Bambi. Today, the two maintain a long-distance relationship.

But more than anything else, what sealed Bambi's decision to come home was when seven masked men broke into their house in San Juan early in the morning. The family was unhurt, but the men made off with jewelry and whatever else they could carry. "When that happened, I felt it was a sign that I had to come home for good. So I decided to fly back last year, just before Christmas."

It proved to be a good decision. Faster than a fire in the kitchen, word spread that Bambi was back. Holiday catering jobs and orders came pouring in. Job offers followed. Shiraz, a wine bar in Makati, offered Bambi a job as a consultant for a month. She also supplies to Jazz Central, Salumeria, and Café Ago-go. Now, she is Fidel's food consultant, aside from being official dessert supplier. And Bambi got a bonus—her boyfriend flew to the Philippines to spend the New Year holidays with her.

It's quite an achievement for someone whose family frowned on her being a chef. Bambi started cooking when she was eight years old, as soon as she could read her mother's Betty Crocker cookbooks. The first thing she remembers making was a sponge cake for someone's birthday. But Bambi's mom saw cooking and baking as a hobby, not a potential career. She wanted something else, something better, for her daughter. When it was time to choose a college course, Bambi's mother insisted that she take up medicine and become a doctor. Bambi had other ideas. "They wanted me to

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Theater Tales

By Amadis Ma. Guerrero

Waiting in the Wings

IT WAS the child Liesl Catherine Batucan's fourth birthday, and there was a nice cake for her. Her mother Sonia had a gift for her and, as was her custom, another for her younger daughter, Yeka. On the cake were a pink and blue umbrella and a yellow chick; both were edible.

"Choose what you want," her mother told Liesl. She chose the umbrella, while Yeka got the chick. Then the little umbrella slipped from Liesl's fingers and fell to the floor, crushed. It was, recalls Liesl many years later, a shattering experience; she was crestfallen.

Then her sister offered the chick to Liesl.

"That was love," says Liesl. "Would I have done the same? Probably not. That was my first lesson in selfless love."

These days, Liesl finds similar lessons onstage.

"Out there, one must be very open and generous," says this accomplished actress, singer, dancer, assistant director and – on the side, since there's no money in theater – a commercial model. "The technical aspects and the skills can be learned in time. Onstage and off, you've got to be open to your scene partner, don't go 'solo flying.' That's a crime onstage! As *Tita* Bibot (Amador) and *Tita* Baby (Barredo) always say, the best actors give of themselves to their scene partners and to the audience."

Vivacious and versatile, Liesl is today a young mainstay of Repertory Philippines. The eldest child of Renato Batucan, a retired marketing man, and Sonia Hermosisima, a retired customer relations director of Philippine Airlines, Liesl was drawn to the performing arts at an early age. Her father had his own combo in Cebu where the family hails from, and coloratura Conchita Hermosisima Torres is a relative. Liesl sang and acted in plays at Colegio de San Agustin, then took up business administration at the University of the Philippines, where she graduated *magna cum laude.*

Liesl still hears remarks like, "*Sayang* (a pity), being a UP *magna cum laude* and winding up an actress." She bristles, "As if it doesn't take brains to analyze a role."

Brains is apparently something this actress has plenty of. Liesl's first job was as a corporate finance consultant at Sycip Gorres & Velayo, but by the early 1990s music and the theater were beckoning to her anew. There was going to be a production of "Miss Saigon" in the Netherlands, and she auditioned for the role of a bar girl, of all things.

Producer Dong Alegre was impressed with her singing and acting, but decided not to cast her because, he says, Liesl's aura was simply not that of a bar girl. She went back to work but Alegre's words rang in her ears: "You don't belong at SGV, you belong on the stage."

Next came an audition for the chorus line in Repertory Philippines' "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," and this time she made it. Now she had two demanding mistresses: SGV and Rep. But her bosses at SGV were supportive: "Go where you're happy, and if you decide to return we will welcome you back."

Soon enough, she was cast in one Rep play after another – musical here, a drama there, and a comedy everywhere, where she is often paired with Jeremy Domingo, another versatile actor.

Stage actress Liesl Batucan looked too wholesome for the role of bar girl in "Miss Saigon" and was deemed "too brainy" to be an actress. Now a Repertory Philippines mainstay, she has proven both impressions wrong and is ready for that big role

Liesl in costume for a role in Rep's "It Had To Be You"

During her first two years with the Rep, Liesl admits she got her "fair share" of screams from directors Zeneida Amador and Baby Barredo, formidable taskmasters who stress discipline and excellence, and are known to yell at actors, even veteran players, who don't get things right. Sensitive souls have been known to flee the heat in the Rep kitchen.

"It's for your own good," Liesl says of the screaming episodes. "They do it to teach you, to make you better. It's their style, they're very disciplined." She improved through the years, and the screams from the directors became infrequent.

Liesl is currently appearing as Aguinaldo's wife in "Miong: The Musical" and in Rep's suspense thriller, "Cliffhanger." The musical toured campuses in February and will be shown March 1-3 at the RCBC Plaza, Buendia, Makati. "Cliffhanger" will be staged weekends at the same venue until March 17.

Explaining her craft, the actress observes: "Each rehearsal I give myself an objective – to make the character three-dimensional. I want the audience not to see me, but my character. And it begins with the actor loving the audience. The audience has an energy, you know. I can feel it on stage."

Filipinos, she adds, "have lots of heart and are a 'feeling' audience." They can empathize with characters in a drama, and are a "terrific audience" for comedies and musicals. "We are such a musical race and have a wonderful sense of humor. We are very resilient, self-effacing, and can laugh at ourselves."

Perhaps her most challenging role was that of Theda Blau in the recent comedy "It Had To Be You." "It was a two-actor play (with Jeremy Domingo), and the stamina and concentration required were quite demanding. I never left the stage. I had to have 100 percent focus, and never let my comic timing slip."

Fortunately, she doesn't balk at such demands. "I like to expand my horizons. I like to bloom where I'm planted."

Well, Liesl Batucan has certainly planted her two feet firmly on the Repertory stage, ready to take off in that next big role.

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By John L. Silva

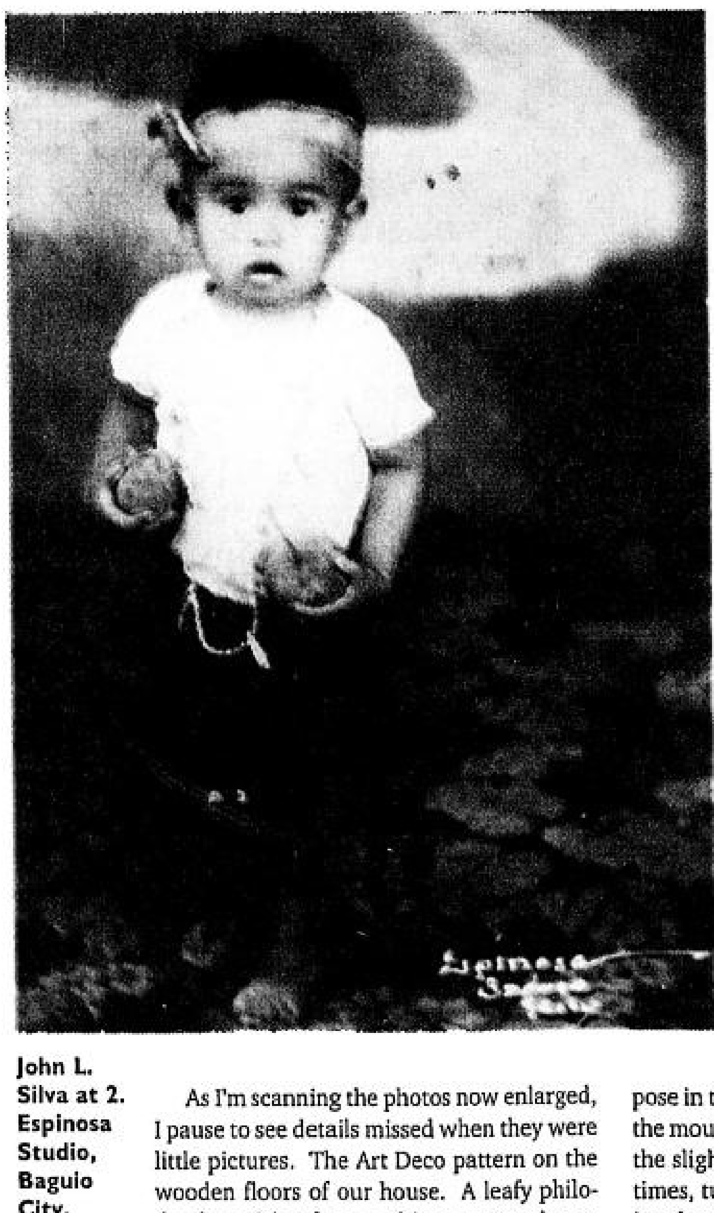
The Origins of My Dress Code

IF YOU were a child of the '50s, with a *yaya* that liked dressing you up in costumes and dragging you to photo studios, then you might have suffered a similar fate. My childhood photos were about me in a variety of costumes. Here's one of me as a little Igorot boy, taken in the Espinosa Studio, up in Baguio.

The magic of scanning family photos for CD storage these days allows one to blow up a photo to full screen size and more with utmost clarity. Once 2" x 2" photos now become poster size. And there I am, on one of Yaya's whimsical days, larger than life as an Igorot boy. I can still remember posing for that photo. Yaya wanted me to hold these two rocks that were just too big for my small hands and then she'd call out to me from beside the photographer and clap her hands, wooing me and begging a smile. I thought the whole scene humiliating— struggling to hold on to the rocks and trying to affect a grin. The result was a dumbfounded me wondering why in heaven's name I had become a boy of the Cordilleras.

With the finished photo in hand, Yaya would show it to all the other servants who giggled away and then to my Mom who thought the whole thing was cute. Dad on the other hand was cautious. Stick to the army uniform, the cowboy suit, the americana and nothing else, he'd remind her.

So I have these photos too of a grim boy in military uniform complete with the same medals my Colonel father wore, a bewildered tot with a cowboy hat and two loaded holsters on hips, and a midget with suspenders and a necktie that came down to my knees. And there are more photos of Johnny Boy as Little Lord Fauntleroy with pursed lips and wearing white short pants, angry Johnny Boy in sailor suit, and Johnny Boy as Pontius Pilate for the yearly Holy Week passion play performed for family members.



John L. Silva at 2. Espinosa Studio, Baguio City. Private Collection

As I'm scanning the photos now enlarged, I pause to see details missed when they were little pictures. The Art Deco pattern on the wooden floors of our house. A leafy philodendron rising from a Chinese pot and towering over me. A massive rattan chair that I posed beside. And the occasional photo of Yaya and me, she in her own servant's uniform clutching at her garbed ward. Her eyes, her look are clearer now. Despite her costume, she is posing, with all seriousness, as my loving mother. And I, raised with absent parents, am complicit in return, wrapped in her fondling arms with a six-shooter in hand, posed as her cowboy son.

Oh, what have we here! I zoom in on a scanned photo of my older sister in a ballet pose in the middle of our living room. I move the mouse and the image leaves my sister, and the slight blur to her right magnified several times, turns out to be me, in pajamas, affecting the same ballet pose with a smile and *elan* never before seen in other photographs.

I may have been six years old in that picture and the rest of the photos thereafter where I had on less play costumes and more my own choices. There are pictures of me in colorful floral shirts passing off as Hawaiian. There is me in a *serape* and another with a flowing cape. Moving on to puberty, I had outlandish bellbottoms made, paisley shirts in pink, and mom's hand me down turtlenecks. The befuddled look had long disappeared. Instead, a *joie de vivre* smile, head cocked to the sky, and hands on hips were my signature pose. My features were softer and languid. My father blamed Yaya for my abandoning masculine wear and was summarily fired.

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But I was undeterred. More billowy Russian shirts with buttons on the shoulder. More flowing caftans. More moody photos of me at sunset. It was the Age of Aquarius and an ideal time for my own sexual preference rebellion.

The only time I would regress to more somber attire was during Mao's Cultural Revolution. Mao grey jackets were in. A cap with the red star seemed cute enough. There is one faded photograph of me somewhere in Sagada, in utilitarian tunic looking displeased with the world, but more so with myself.

I quickly junked that and returned to Yaya's *fashionista* sensibilities. I wasn't going to join anybody's revolution if I couldn't dress right. Oh nothing *burgis*, nothing of the sort. An ethnic scarf on a black shirt. Sturdy Banana Republic khakis. Collarless jackets. An occasional brilliant orange shirt.

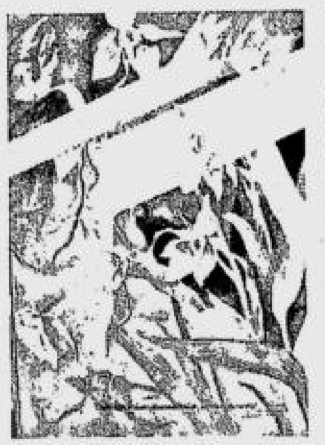
In the end, despite my childhood dismay at being dressed up in costumes, my fashion sense has actually turned out for the better. At a very young age, I wore and rejected clothes with gender biases. I later experimented on my own sartorial needs in a period when the whole world was topsy-turvy on everything including fashion. In my mid-century, my clothing *panache* is my own, uncopied, undictated, totally centered and expressive only of me. I have only Yaya to thank when you compliment the way I look today.

This Week

Art

Exotic Vietnam, an exhibit of recent paintings from Vietnam, until March 16 at Le Soufflé Bistro, 2/F Wynsum Corporate Plaza, Ruby Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

Steps, Doors and Windows of the Old World, an exhibit on the unique character of Europe by Pardo de Leon, until March 30 at the new function rooms of Figaro, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center.



"Kolorchidz" by Elmer Gernale in "*Likha*"

Faith and the City, a survey of contemporary Filipino Art focusing on the twin themes of religion and urban life, until March 25 at the Metropolitan Museum of Manila, Central Bank Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Manila.

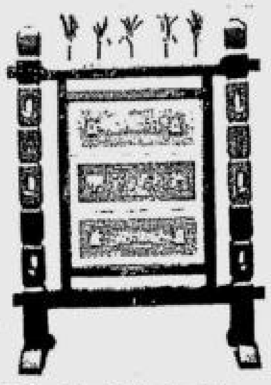
Wilson V. Ma and Jerome I. Malic holds a two-man exhibit of paintings in mixed media and sketches of horses at Gallery 139, 3/F Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makati until Feb. 28. For details, call 728-9724.

Likha, showcases the works of Angel Cacnio, Michael Cacnio, Elmer Gernale, Vicente Ido Laros and Jun Martinez, Feb. 26-27 at The Gallery, Peninsula Manila, Makati City. For details, call 891-1316.

And Then There Was Silence, a mixed media exhibit by Belgian artist Hilde Orye until Feb. 28 at the Avellana Gallery, 220 Fresno Road, Pasay City.

Women, a collection of lacquer on wood paintings by some of Vietnam's best artists, until March 8 at Red Dot, G/F Sunrise Terrace Condominium, 100 Perea Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City. For details, call 816-2877.

Pathways, an exhibit of mixed media works on wood panels and a four-piece mural by John Frank Sabado at Hiraya Gallery, 530 UN Avenue, Ermita, Manila until March 8.



John Frank Sabado's "Pathways" at Hiraya

Ilustrasyon 2, drawings and paintings by Boy Dominguez, until March 8 at the Blind Tiger Bar and Gallery, 13 Visayas Avenue, QC.

Music

Rock for Rock, a concert for the benefit of the Raquel Edralin-Tiglao Institute for Family Violence Prevention and the Fund for Women in Crisis, March 1 at the UP Theater, Diliman, QC featuring Grace Nono, Barbie's Cradle, Color It Red, Session Road, Cynthia Alexander, Sandwich, Cheese, Carol Bello of Pinikpikan and Susan Fernandez who will also emcee the show. For tickets, call 925-7132/33 and the UP Center for Women's Studies at 920-6950/6880.

Johann Strauss New Year's Gala Concert, a benefit show featuring the immortal classics of Strauss to generate funds for the scholarship abroad of deserving members of the Manila Symphony Orchestera II, Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m. at the grand ballroom of Mandarin Oriental. For inquiries, call 750-8888 ext. 2437.

The Manila Chamber Orchestra ends its season with a **back-to-back guitar ensemble concert** featuring the UP and UST Guitar Ensemble on March 1, 7:30 p.m. at Equitable PCIBank's Francisco Santiago Hall. For inquiries, call 818-1403.

Onstage

The Portrait of the Artist as Filipino, Nick Joaquin's much-loved classic takes on a new spin when the two main characters Candida and Paula Marasigan are turned into Candido and Pablito Marasigan starring Anton Juan and Behn Cervantes as the two old bachelors, Feb. 28, March 1, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. with matinees at 3 p.m. on March 2, 3, 9 and 10 at the CCP Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino. Tickets available at Ticketworld National Bookstores and Tower Records, or call 832-3878 or 551-7930.

The cast of Rep's "Miong"

Peer Gynt, a Dramatis Personae's presentation of Henrik Ibsen's poetic fantasy on selfhood and the power of love, Feb. 24 and March 3 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Pius XII Theater, Pius XII Catholic Center, UN Avenue, Manila. For details, call 722-4205.

Nick Joaquin's "Portrait" at the CCP

Repertory Philippines restages **Miong,** the musical based on the life and times of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo at the Carlos P. Romulo Theater, RCBC Plaza on March, 2 at 8 p.m. and on March 3 at 3:30 p.m. For tickets, call 633-4821 to 25.

Shoes++, five choreographies from rising names in dance to be performed by Ballet Philippines at the Glorietta Ayala Center today at 4 p.m.

Atbp

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Panimula ng Panulaang Pilipino, a seminar on introduction to Filipino poetry writing by pals@pages Creative Writers Group, March 3 at the Earthlite, 4/F COD Building, Cubao. Fee inclusive of handouts and certificate. For details, call 0919-6318749 or 428-5041.

ProActive Center for Training offers a **How to Garnish with Fruit and Vegetable Carving Workshop** on Feb. 28, 1 to 5 p.m. at Bedas Restaurant, C-5, Libis, QC. For inquiries, call 823-4947.

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by Jess Abrera

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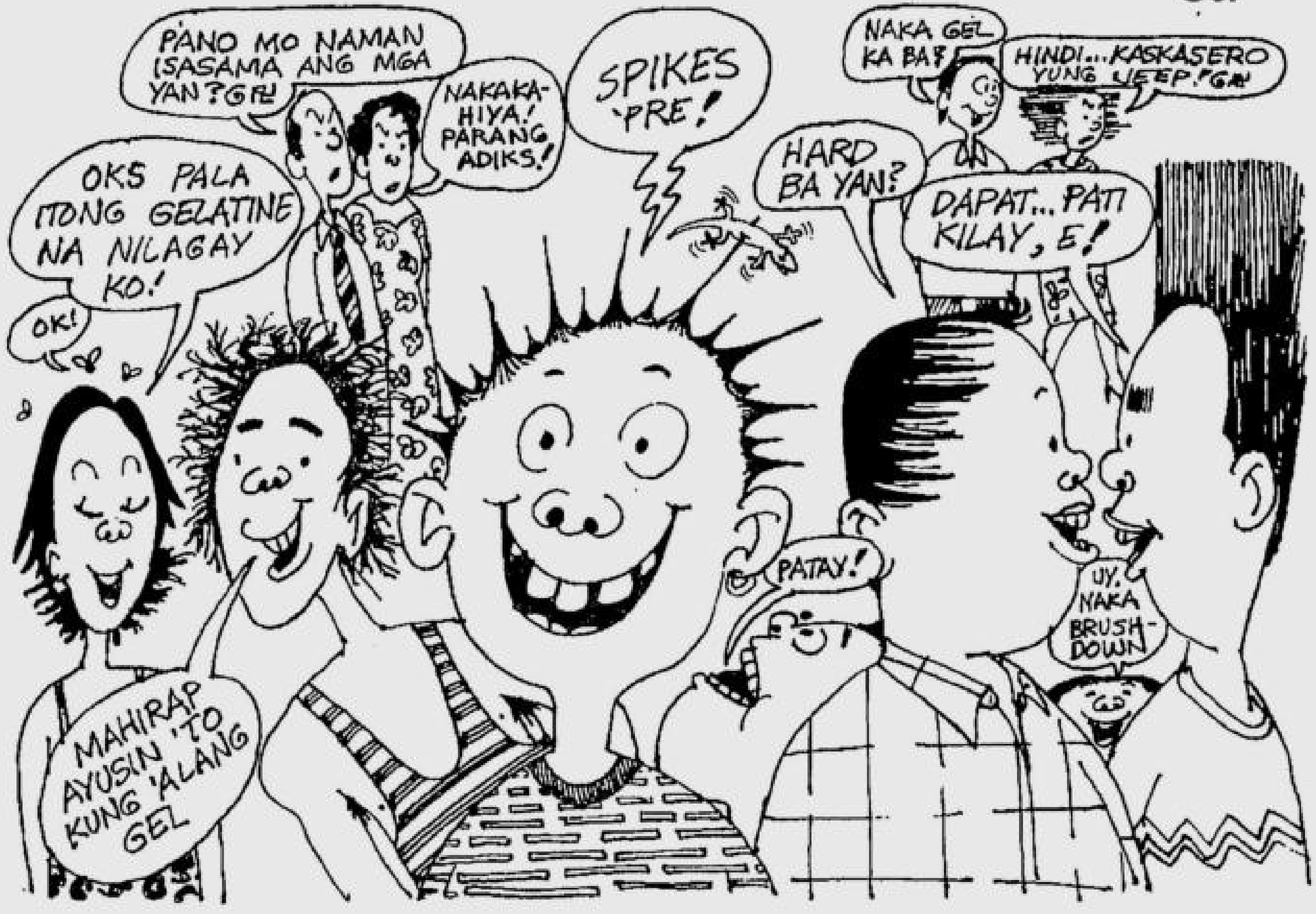
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The Philippine Bookfair-Western Visayas

A half-day **lecture and tour of the Negros Museum** and a separate tour of Museo Iloilo for public and private school teachers will be led by National Museum consultant John L. Silva and sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the Philippine National Museum Foundation. Negros tour on March 2. Iloilo tour on March 3. For inquiries, call 034-4355525 (Negros) and 033-3372986 (Iloilo).

The Philippine Bookfair-Western Visayas, a four-day book fair showcasing the latest books, magazines, periodicals, journals and other state-of-the-art educational materials, Feb. 28-March 3, Lower Ground Level of SM City Iloilo. For inquiries, call 896-0661 and 896-0682.

Hoodoo-Bu: Scenes from the Last Day of Gen. Paulino Santos, a play that narrates the life and death of Gen. Paulino Santos during the Japanese occupation, written and directed by Noel Garrovillo at the Rizal Park Training Center, City of Koronadal on March 1, 2, 8, 9. For tickets, call (083) 2283447.

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- **Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)**

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Bambi...

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be a doctor, not a *kusinera* (cook). Instead, I applied at UP for HRA (Hotel and Restaurant Administration). My mom didn't know, and when she found out, she couldn't do anything anymore," laughs Bambi.

Ironically, Bambi's mother herself provided her daughter the inspiration for becoming a chef. Bambi's earliest memories include her mom making *polvoron*, sampaloc candy, and pasta in the kitchen. When she was 10, Bambi went for cooking lessons. While other kids spent their summers learning basketball or swimming, Bambi was learning how to cook. One of her favorite teachers was Endencia Maramag. "It was so funny, because I was with all these *matronas*, and I was the only kid. But I loved it!" she recalls, laughing.

Bambi has plenty of stories about being a chef and loving it. For her, being in the kitchen is not a form of drudgery. There was even a time when she was working in New York that she would be standing over a stove until 2 a.m. The restaurant served some 200 people every night and employed a staff of 60. In the pastry section alone, where Bambi was stationed, six pastry chefs turned out at least three courses of dessert a night. It was such a demanding job that she could not even afford to get sick. And when she did get sick, her first thought would be her station. What would happen to it? Who would man it? There were times that she would force herself to go to work even if she wasn't feeling well.

Still, Bambi never entertained thoughts of giving up cooking. "I like cooking, and the creative aspect of it is very thrilling. It's exciting to see what I can make," she says.

For lunch with **SIM**, Bambi whipped up a feast: Mixed Green Salad with Black Cherry Balsamic Vinaigrette, Toasted Pistachios and Dried Cranberries; Seared Tenderloin with White Bean Purée and Black Pepper Corn Jus, and her famous Chocolate Dementia Cake for dessert. And she made it look so easy! A green here, dried pistachios there, then pour the vinaigrette over it.

"Cooking is actually easy," says Bambi. "The reason most people get traumatized is because they start with something complicated, like frying an egg." Frying an egg? Isn't that supposed to be easy? "That's the wrong idea," she laughs. "Boiling it is easier, because there's no oil involved, and it's oil that causes most accidents in the kitchen."

Bambi is now dreaming of opening her own restaurant one day. Should that come true, it would be a delicious dream indeed!

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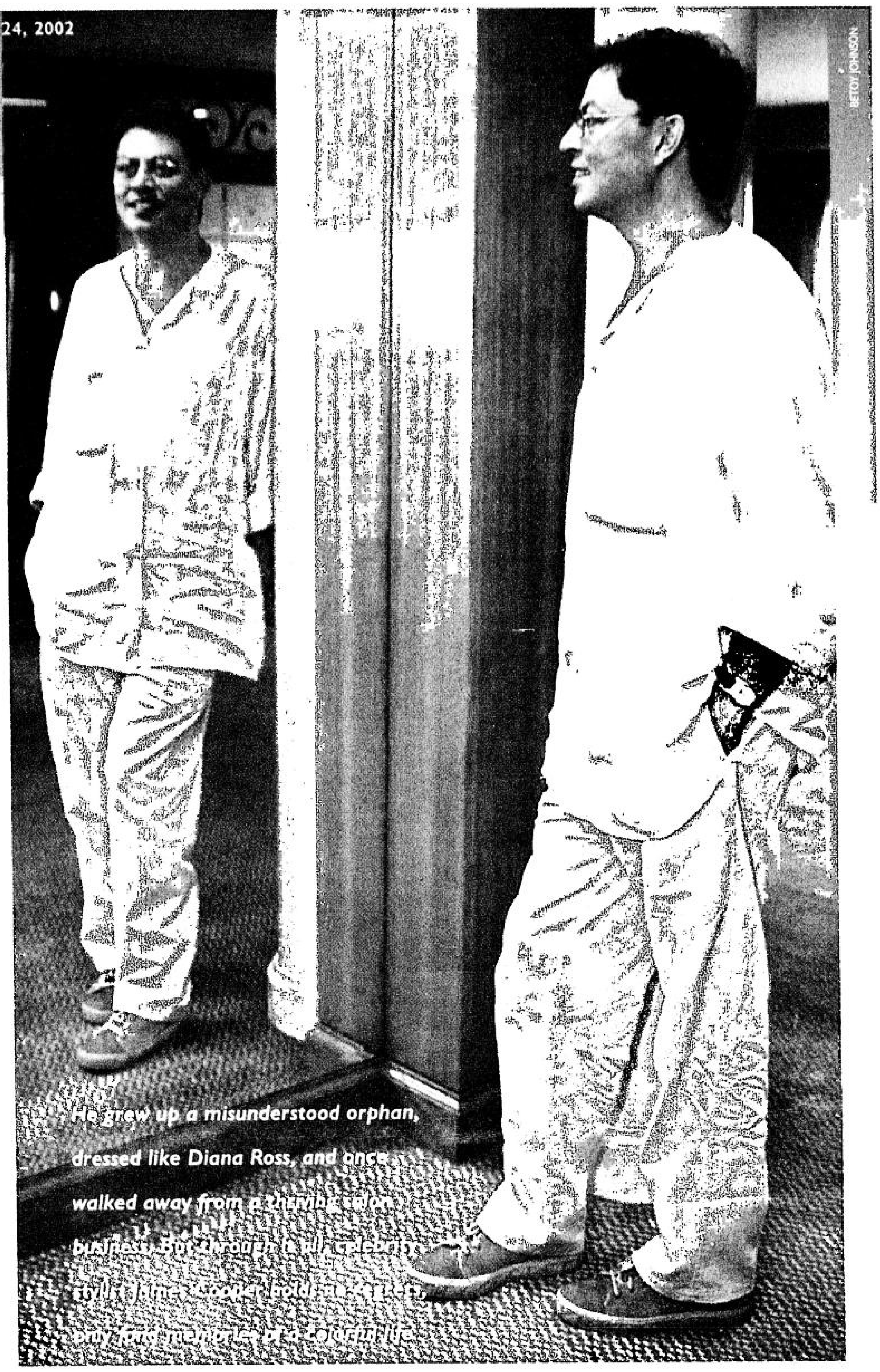

BETOY JOHNSON

He grew up a misunderstood orphan, dressed like Diana Ross, and once walked away from a thriving salon business. But through it all, celebrity stylist James Cooper [illegible] only fond memories of a colorful life.

Long before he was known as the Stylist to the Stars, makeup maven James Cooper was a star—Carol Channing, Shirley Bassey, Cher and Diana Ross to be exact. Back in the '70s, Cooper, then based in New York and working for Calvin Klein cosmetics, was a habitué of The Round Table, a bar where female impersonators were all the rage. Fascinated by a Barbra Streisand deadringer named Kenny Sacha, Cooper would watch the live shows nightly, then rush home to do his own face. Being a fan of Shirley Bassey, he got the diva's look and movements down to a T, so much so that when The Round Table launched a talent contest, Cooper won not just the contest but a Wednesday night spot at bar. "My God, I was shaking," he recalls. "I just moved to New York so I didn't have much money at the time. My gown was made from the silver cloth of an ironing board!"

Thanks to the Round Table gig, Cooper and Sacha (who had since become friends) were tapped to join "French Dressing," an all-impersonator revue that dazzled crowds in its seven years in US and Canadian concert halls. By then, Cooper had given up his day job: in addition to being Bassey, he was entertaining audiences as Carol Channing, Miss Diana Ross, and Cher. Cooper and Sacha would get to work with Cher in her successful road show, an extravagant affair that saw them performing for the likes of the Royal Family. "That was one of the best parts of my life," beams Cooper, who was in Cher's entourage until the show ended in 1984. "It was the peak of my career."

Although Cooper hung up his heels when he decided to live in the Philippines during the mid-1980s, it took a good friend to persuade him to put them back on again. While producing the highly-acclaimed film *"Bagong Buwan,"* old pal and former Miss Universe Margie Moran-Floirendo asked Cooper what he thought of her staging a show of impersonators. Cooper hesitated, but when Floirendo insisted that she would "take it one step higher," he relented. Originally hired as image consultant for "Illusione," a heady and colorful revue directed by Fritz Infante, choreographed by Douglas Nierras and produced by Floirendo's Bahaghari Productions, Cooper finally agreed to do Channing and Ross for the show when Floirendo exclaimed over rehearsals, "See! Nobody has the same passion that you have in your eyes and the way you move your mouth!"

"I have tapes of the Cher show, so one night I played them and all these memories started coming back," smiles Cooper. "I said, hmmm, I think it would be nice to experience the audience and theater again." Having lost many of his "French Dressing" castmates—including Sacha—to AIDS in recent years, Cooper says he'd like to "do it for the guys as a tribute to them. I think they're going to be happy for me. And it's going to be for me also. I think this time it's going to be the greatest performance of my life. One more time with feeling!"

To distinguish what he does from others, Cooper declares that he is "not a drag queen. I am an artist, an impersonator, a performer. I'm basically illusion." That "illusion" involves applying layers of makeup, shaving his chest, arms and legs, stretching his facial skin with tape, putting on a prosthetic nose, wearing a waist cincher, hip and butt pads, and watching hours of videos to perfect an actress's moves. In place of a padded bra, Cooper buys a tight one and inserts silicone pads to lift his chest; for fingernails, he paints fake nails onto the fingers of surgical gloves and simply slips them into his own fingers when necessary. The entire process should take him two hours max. Ironically, Cooper admits that he doesn't like dressing up, "but as soon as you see yourself all dolled up, it's worth it." And, lest anyone think he's taking the diva attitude too far by asking for his own dressing room and refusing to see or speak to anyone 10 minutes before the curtain rises, Cooper reasons that he's only using the time to internalize.

In any case, he always manages to pull off the "illusion"—and how! Cher reportedly screamed when she saw him as her for the first time in her Reno, Nevada show. And Ross was so impressed with Cooper, she had him "double" for her on a number of occasions. That's the stylist stepping out of a limo in the New York opening of "Mahogany." (Ross was sick and couldn't make her movie premiere.) And when Lionel Richie sang "Endless Love" before countless fans in the Universal Amphitheater, guess who was doing the duet with him. Convincing as he is, however, Cooper would rather be known as "a man portraying a woman. That I'm a man, but yeah, I can look like this! That's why there are straight guys dressed as women in the show. Impersonation is all about acting."

The diva and the beauty queen: Cooper as Shirley Bassey with Margie Moran-Floirendo in the '70s

Born an unbelievable 50 years ago in Cavite City to an American father whom he never met and a Filipina mother who died when he was six, James San Miguel Cooper was always drawn to beauty. As a child, he ground bougainvillea and gumamela petals on his little *sangkalan* and applied them as lipstick and rouge on his playmates. Confused and pressured by relatives, he flitted from fine arts to theater arts, and even appeared in bit TV and movie roles before flying to California to escape enrollment at the Philippine Military Academy. Odd jobs gave him enough money to buy a car and drive to New York. After working his way up to the cosmetics department of a high-end boutique, his makeup skills led him to his first celebrity assignment—a photo ad featuring black model Beverly Johnson. By the '80s, James Cooper was living a dream: In between his impersonations, he worked for top hairdresser Jose Eber, doing the faces of Hollywood's Who's Who.

An invitation to host makeup seminars in Manila, coupled with his older sister Grace's prodding to rekindle family ties, prompted a reluctant Cooper to return to his roots after a 25-year absence. By the end of his two-week stay, he was listening to Basil Valdez's "*Ngayon At Kailanman*" and weeping uncontrollably on his flight to the US. Cooper shuttled back and forth for the next year, until he settled in Manila for good and introduced a line of self-named beauty products and bustling salons.

Forever the Celebrity Stylist, Cooper credits director Lino Brocka for breaking him into the local showbiz milieu. His first job was for Sharon Cuneta when she was filming "*Pasan Ko Ang Daigdig*," though most remember him for his affinity with Maricel Soriano. "We clicked," smiles the stylist of the star who sent him so many roses for his polished transformations of her, his salon was beginning to resemble a funeral parlor. "Whenever she knew I was sick, she would bring me soup and rub Vicks on my back. What you know of her is a front; this *taray* girl is the most wonderful, honest, and helpful person with a heart. She's always going to be part of my life."

When competing salons began luring his staff away in the late '90s, a disillusioned Cooper hied off to San Pablo, where he tended flowers and fruit trees. Today, he is back with a vengeance: Besides preparing for his first impersonation act in decades, he's also on top of 12 James Cooper Salon branches, and squeezes in appearances in a number of shows including the high-rating teleseries "*Pangako Sa 'Yo.*"

On a whim, a mellowed James Cooper wishes he could be born again "as a supermodel like Christy Turlington working in Paris, or a singer with a phenomenal voice like Barbra Streisand. But I'm very thankful for the blessings and the hardships that I've been through," he says at last. "In this lifetime, I'm happy being me."

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